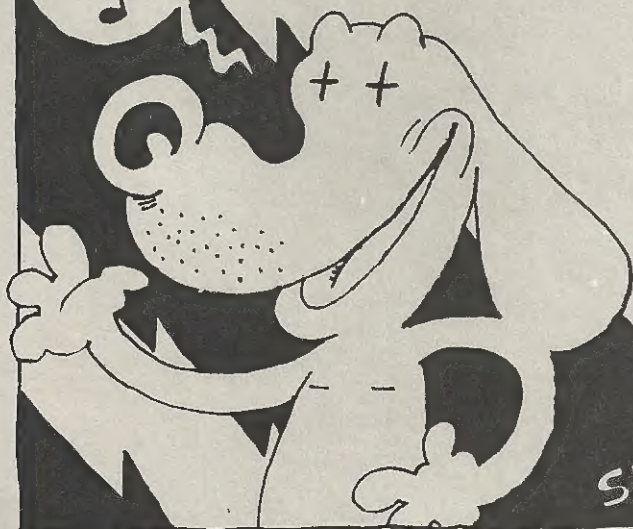


# THE IR

# OF THE

# DOG



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GIVE ME YOUR WORST,  
YA WIMPS...





# Heir of the Dog

An affectionate tribute/roast/eulogy  
to Steve Willis' MORTY THE DOG.  
Performed with respect and humor.



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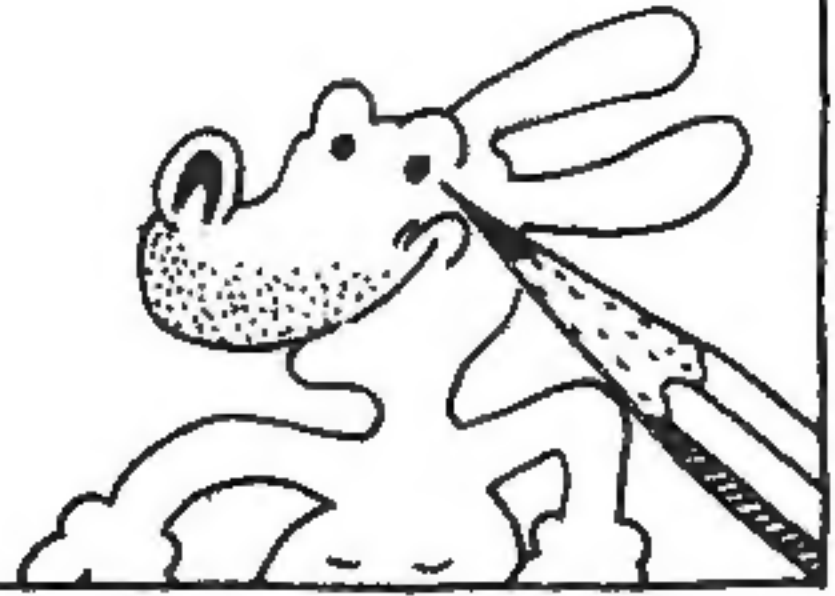
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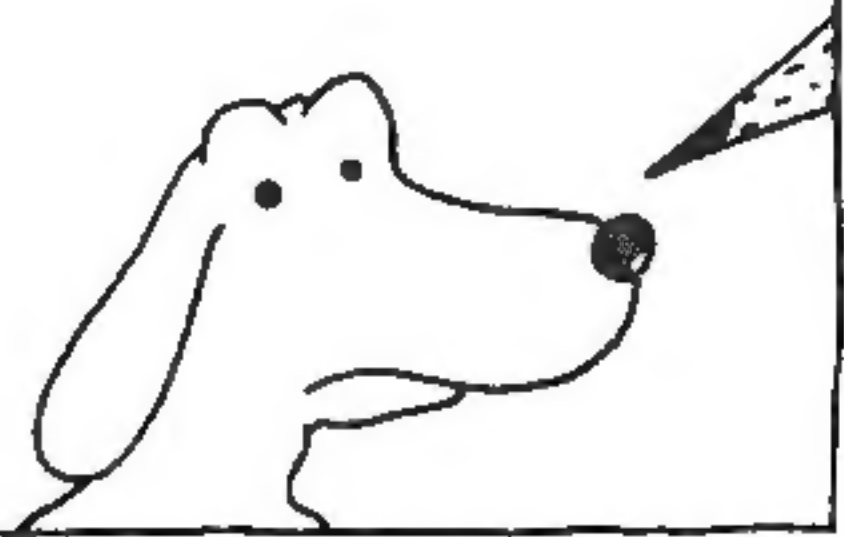
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# Gas to Norte, DEVO

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UNDERSTANDING...



THEN, THE HUMOR...

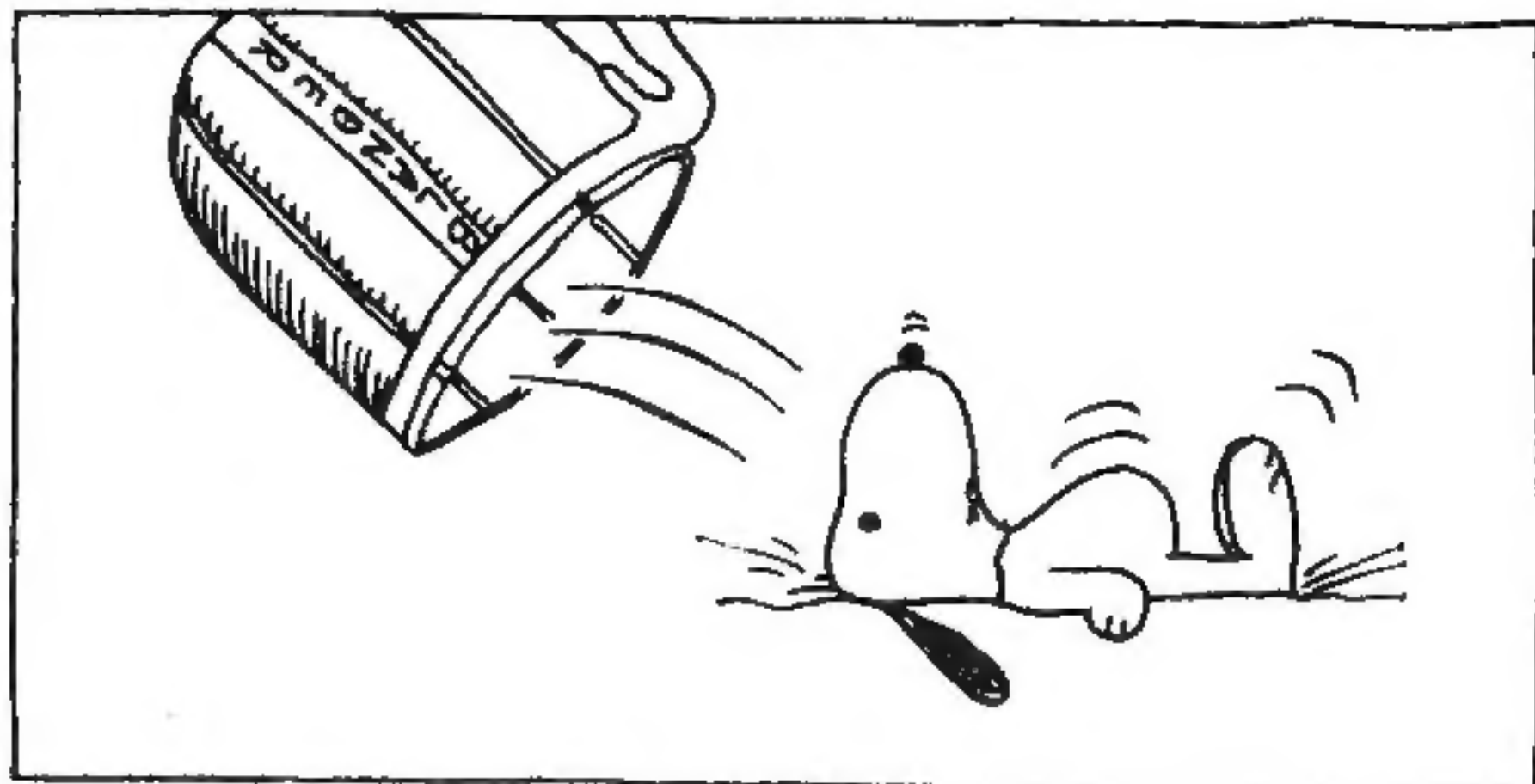


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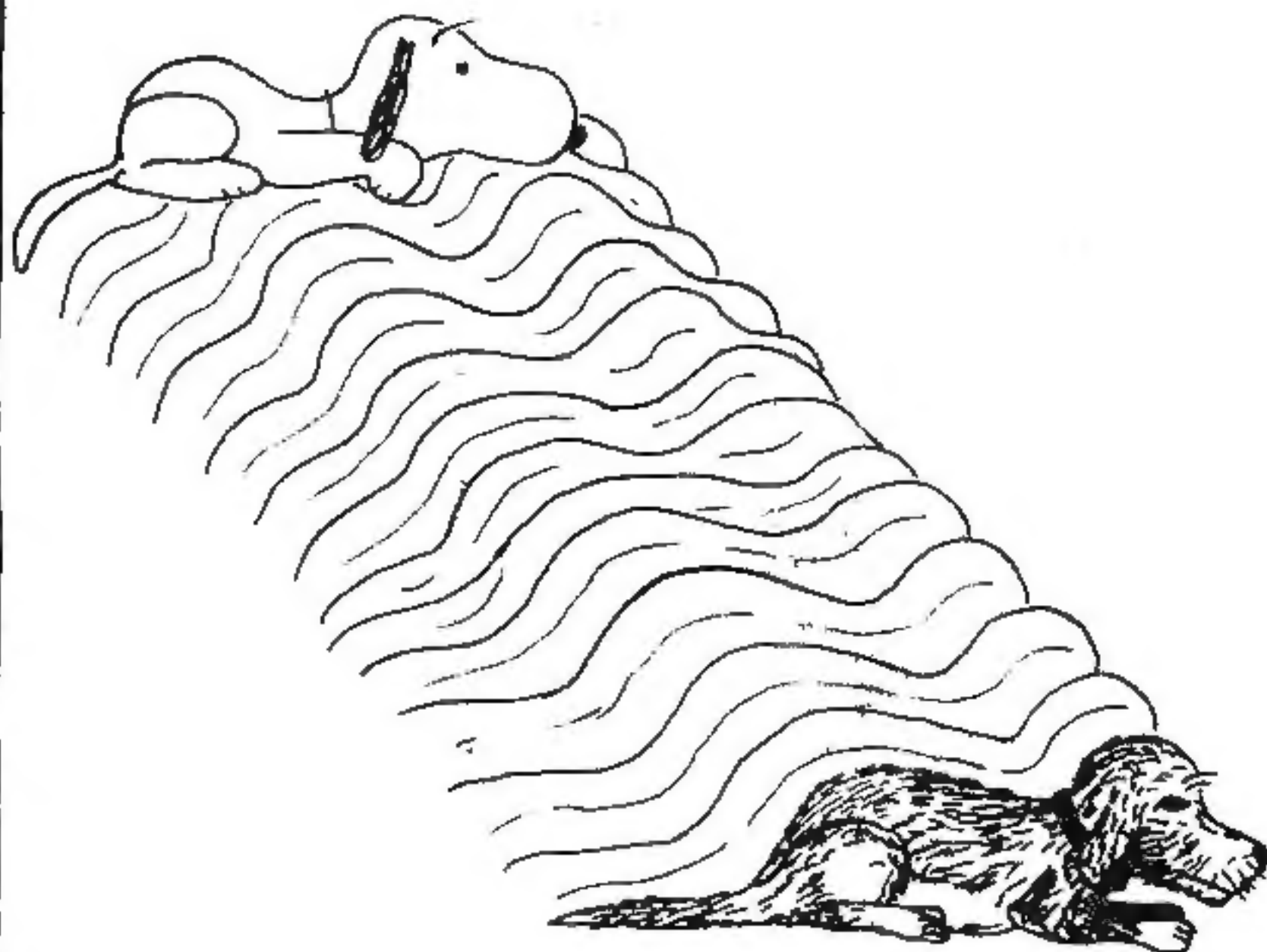


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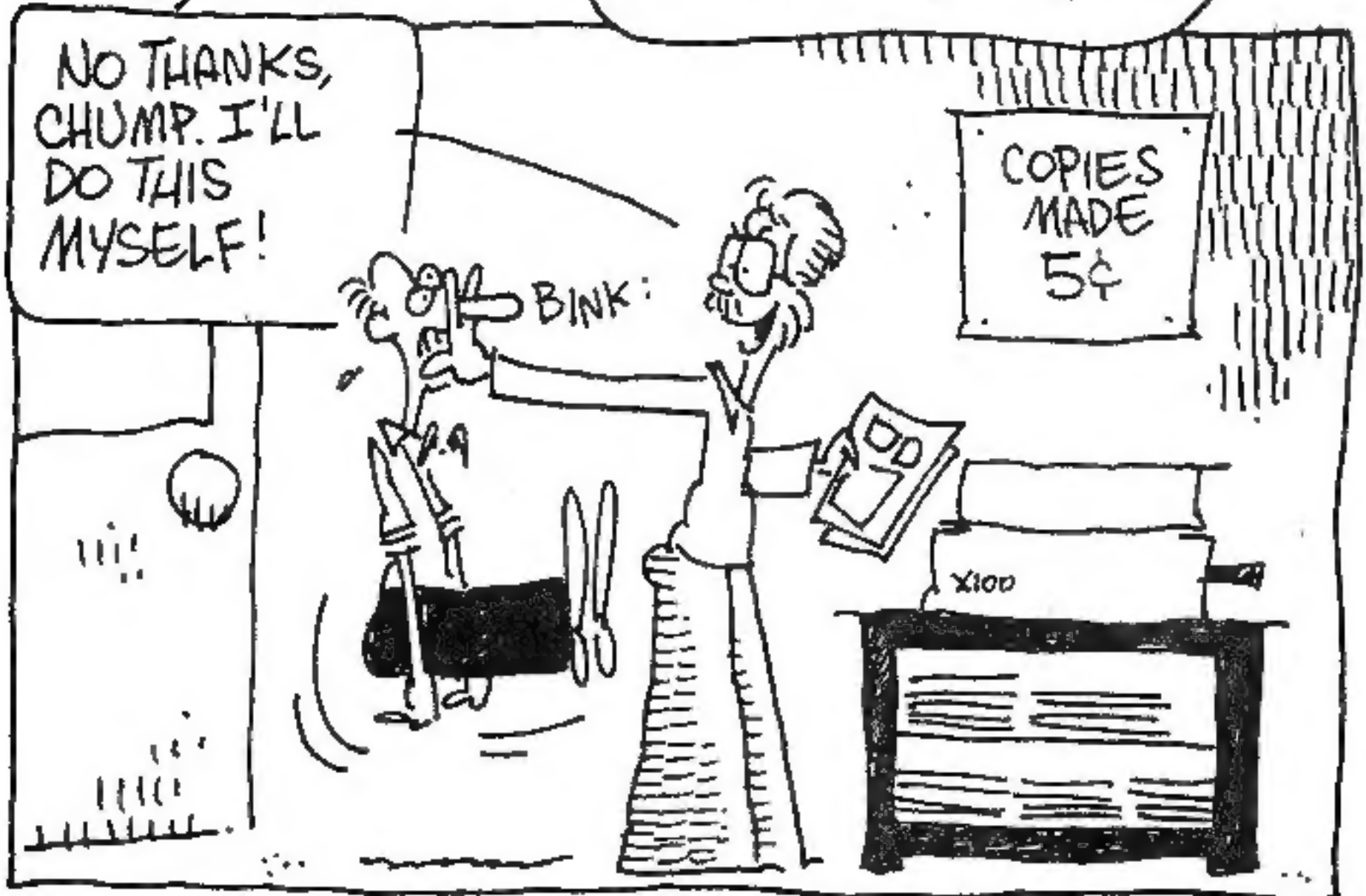
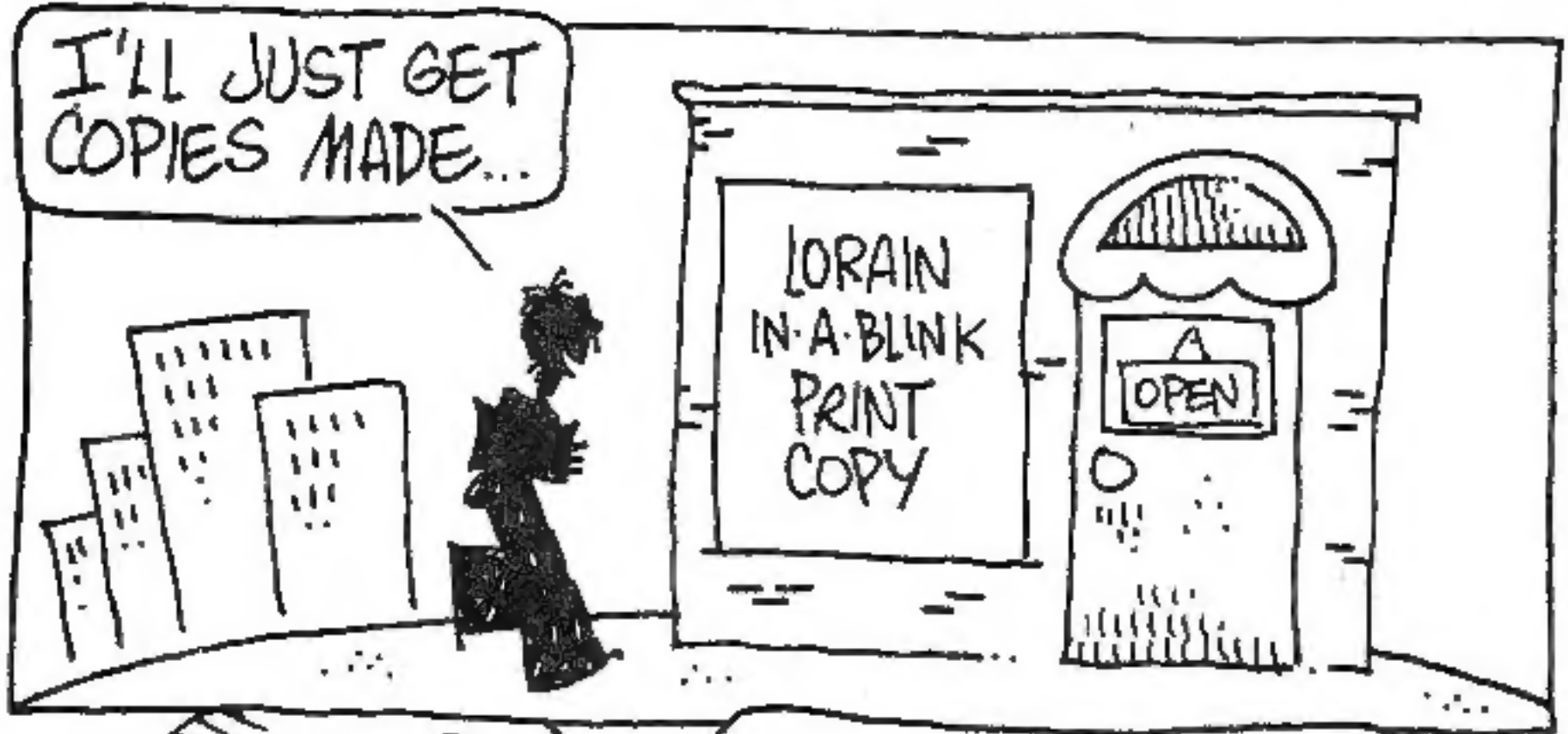
FORGET IT,  
WILLIS!  
YOU ARE NOT  
GOING TO  
KILL OFF  
THIS DOG

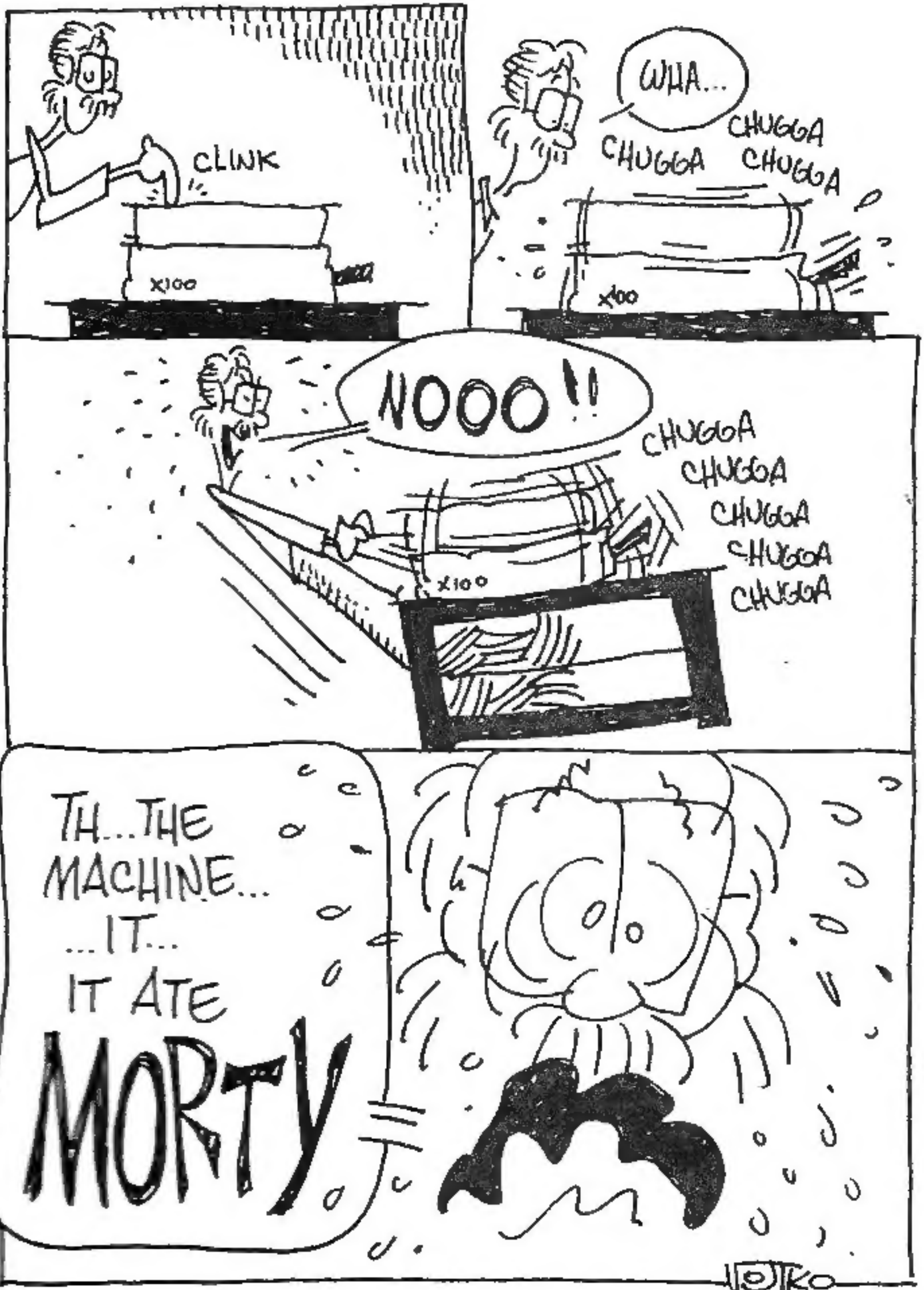


AND I'VE  
DONE THIS  
STORY  
TO PROVE  
IT!!

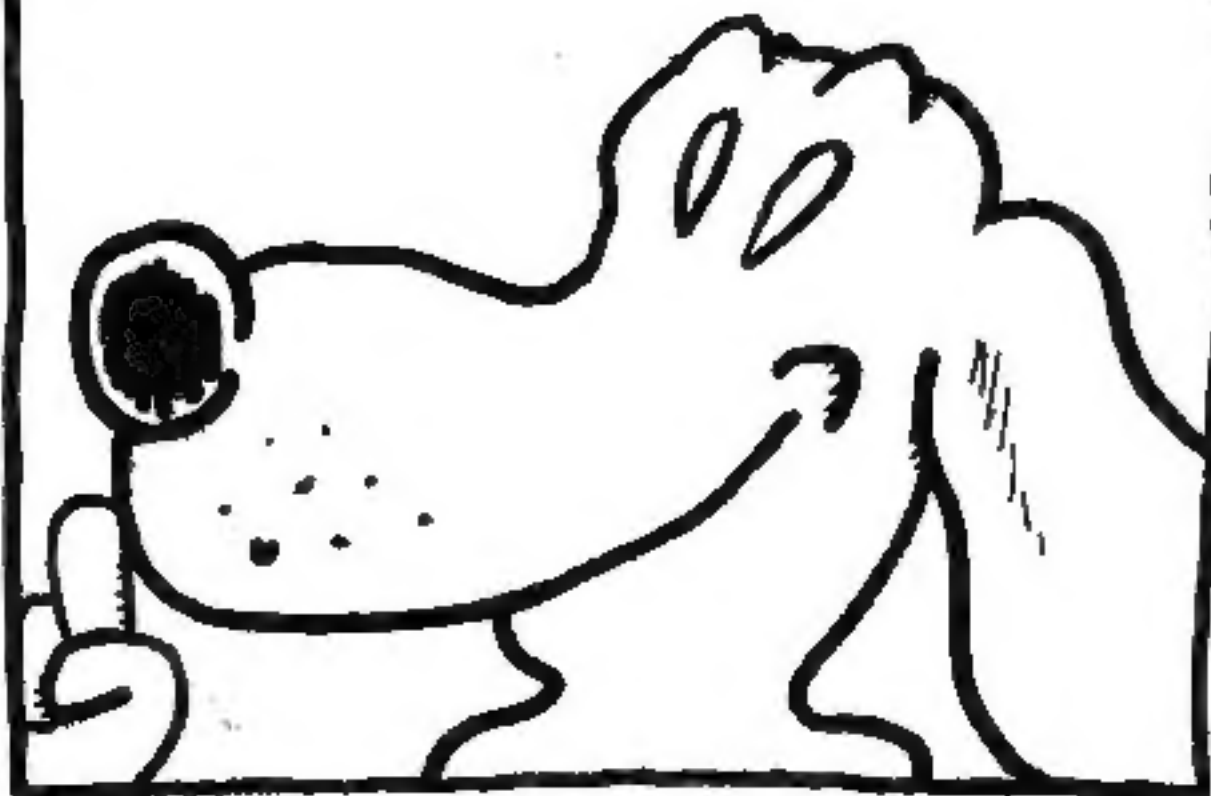




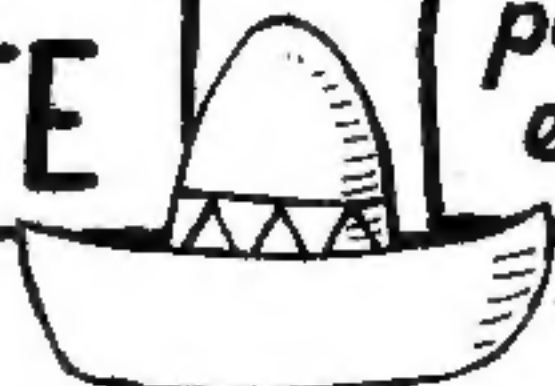








**MORTY**  
*para*  
*el* **PRESIDENTE**



**¡MORTY ES  
UN PERRO LOCO!**

TO DIE,  
TO SLEEP  
NO  
MORE

OUR STORY STARTS WITH STEVE DECIDEING ON HOW TO GET RID OF HIS DOG MORTY. MORTY JUST ISN'T THE SAME DOG HE FOUND BY THE ROAD THOSE MANY YEARS AGO. MORTY IS OUT-OF-CONTROL!

I KNOW JUST WHO TO CALL.

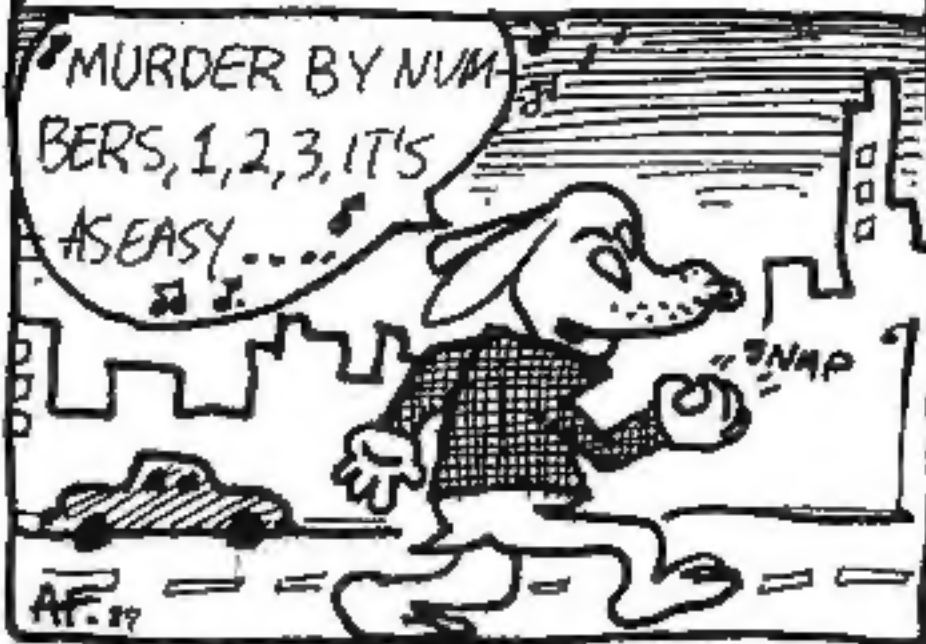
MR. McNASTY  
I HEAR YOU CAN  
ELIMINATE UN-  
WANTED HOUSE  
PETS. WELL  
MY DOG MORTY...

SAY NO MORE.  
I'D BE GLAD TO  
HELP YOU MR.  
WILLIS. YOU  
SEE, I HATE  
DOGS MOST!

AN UNSUSPECTING MORTY IS NOW ON HIS WAY HOME FROM ANOTHER WILD 3 DOG NIGHT.

MURDER BY NUM-  
BERS, 1, 2, 3, IT'S  
A SEASY...

FIRST I'LL KICK HIS  
CAT, RAID THE FRIDGE, THEN  
SHED ON HIS BEST CHAIR WHILE  
WATCHIN LASSIE  
RERUNS!



HEY STEVE WHERE ARE YOU? YOU  
KNOW I ALWAYS GET HOME AT 6:00  
READY FOR MY BREAKFAST AND  
A STIFF DRINK BEFORE MY  
RUB DOWN!

OH, NO, THIS IS QUITE STRANGE.  
HE ALWAYS WAITS ON ME  
HAND AND FOOT. DAMN  
HUMAN, CAN'T DEPEND ON 'EM.

HEY! WHAT?  
ALL OUT OF  
DOGBOY WINE?  
ERRR...

OH, I'M GONNA LOVE BUMP  
ING THIS MUTT OFF. TIMES  
LIKE THIS ARE WHAT MAKES  
THIS JOB SO REWARDING!

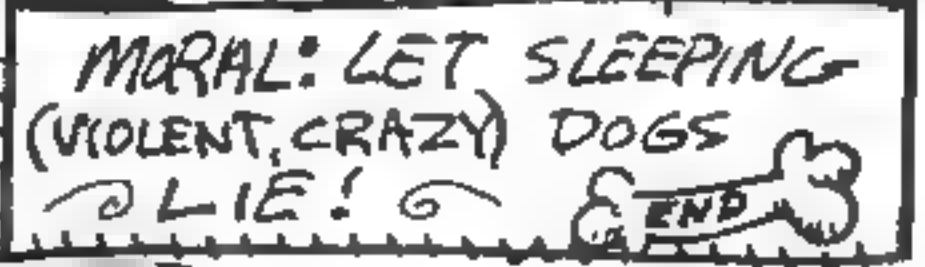
WHAT THE?

OK, FESS UP YOU CHICKEN  
LIVER! SHOW YOUR FACE  
SO I CAN MANGLE IT FOR YA!

THANK

A.F.



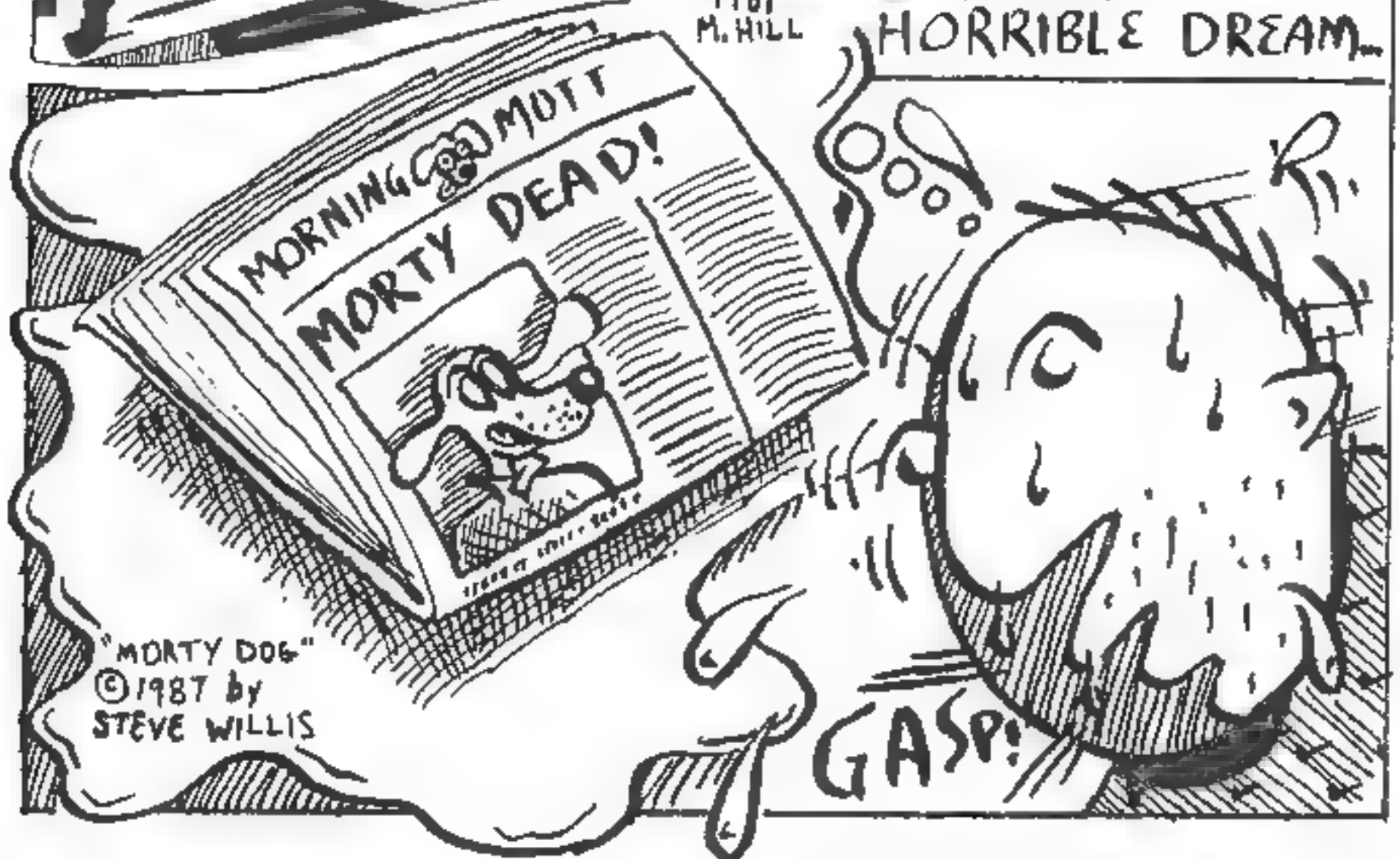


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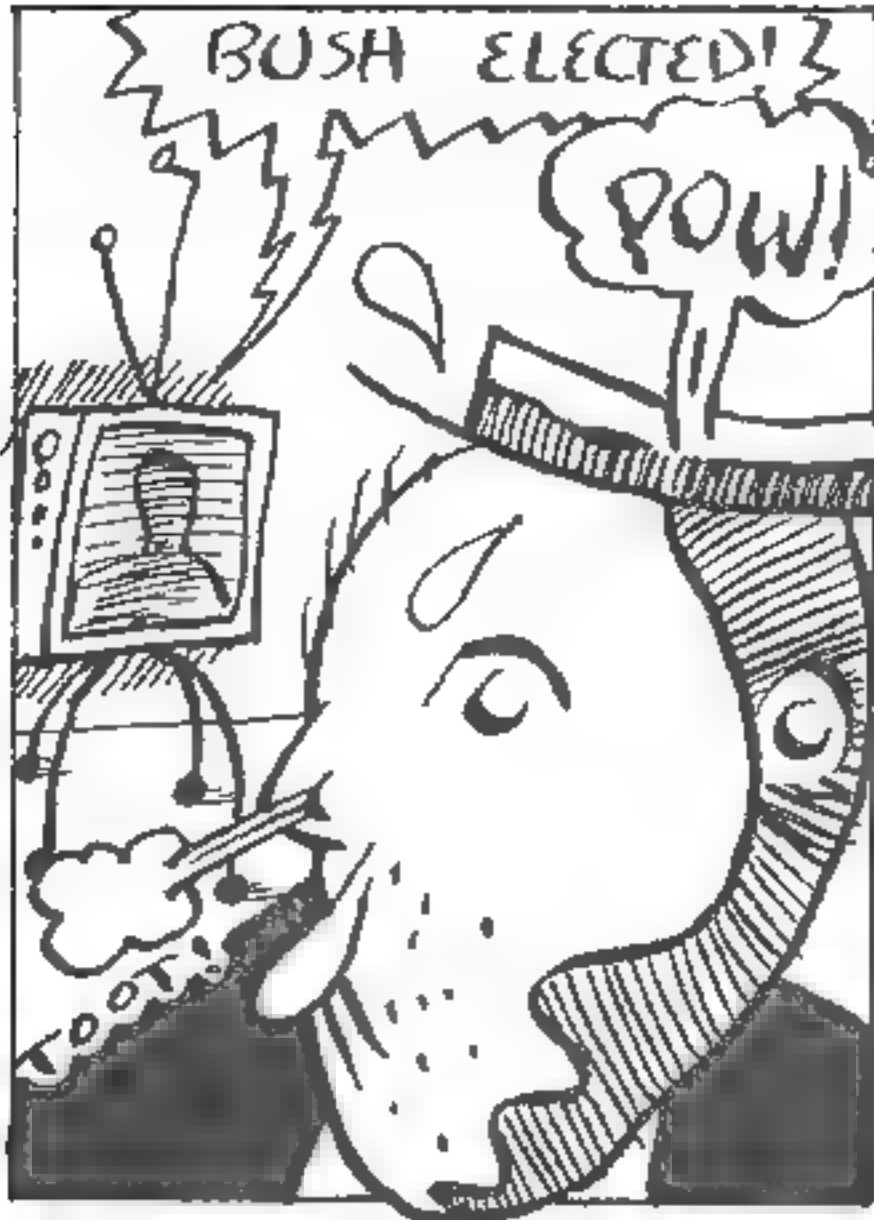




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FROM A  
HORRIBLE DREAM...





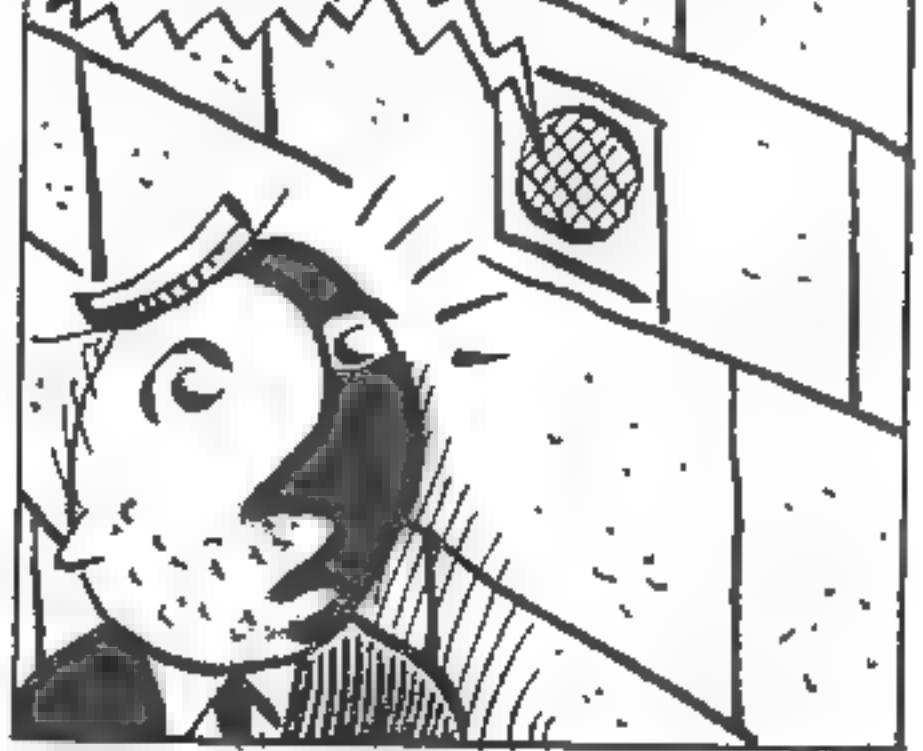


I WENT TO THAT PLACE...



THERE WAS SOME KIND OF RUCKUS

"SQUAWK! PLEASE HOLD...  
"BZZZT! (LOOK OUT!)  
"YAAAH!"



FINALLY SAINT PETER  
ARRIVED! HE SEEMED  
FAMILIAR...

WELCOME,  
SPORT!

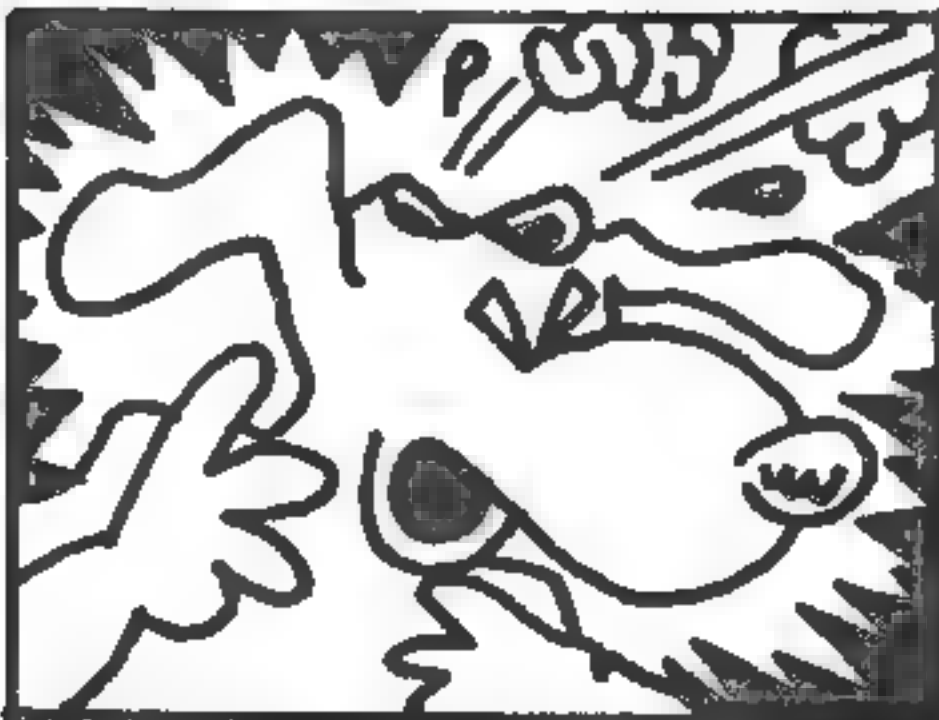


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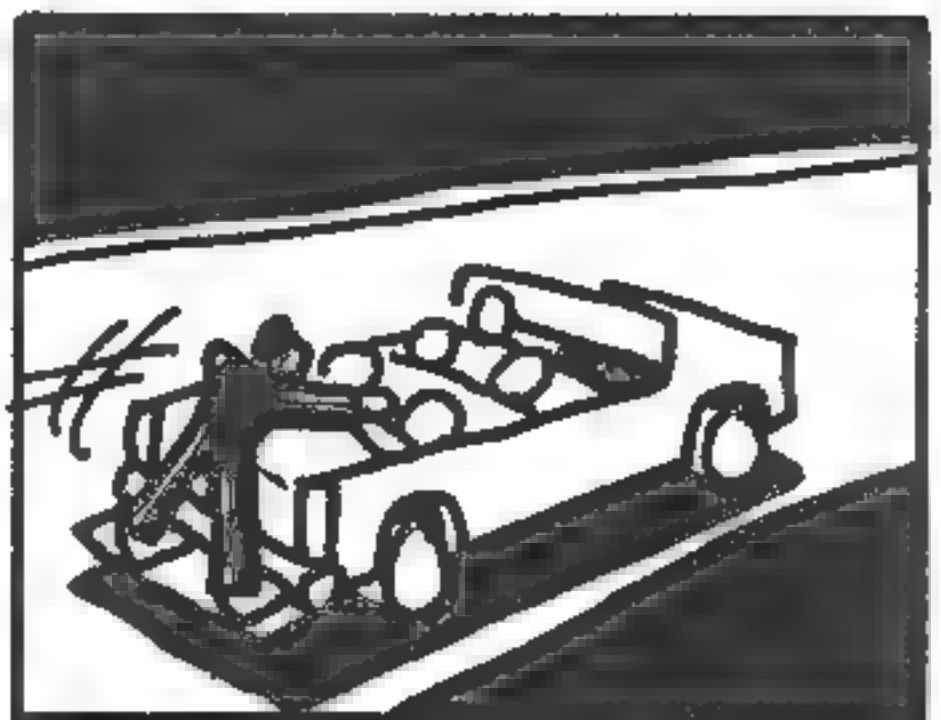




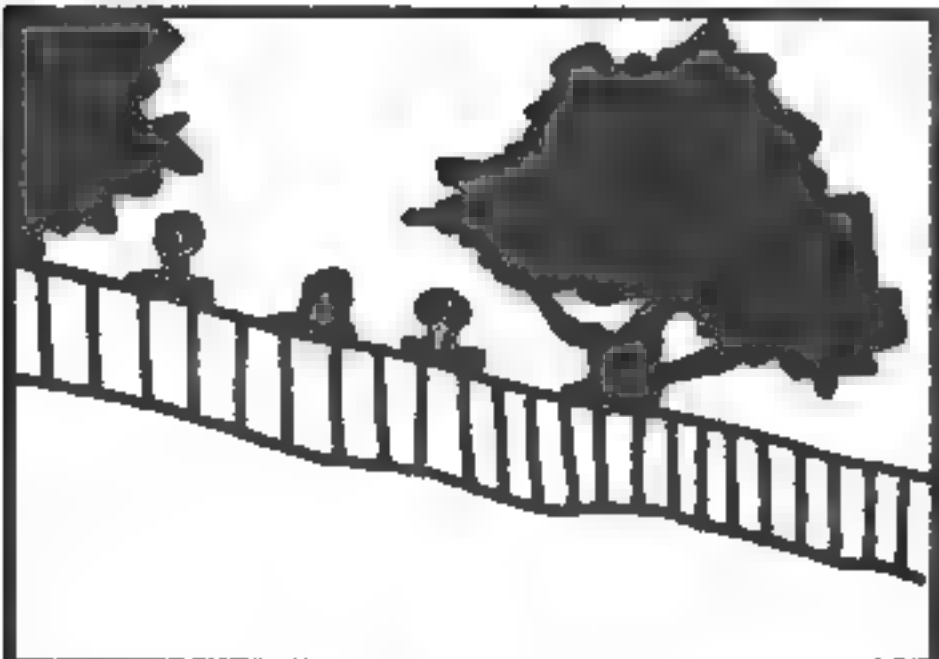




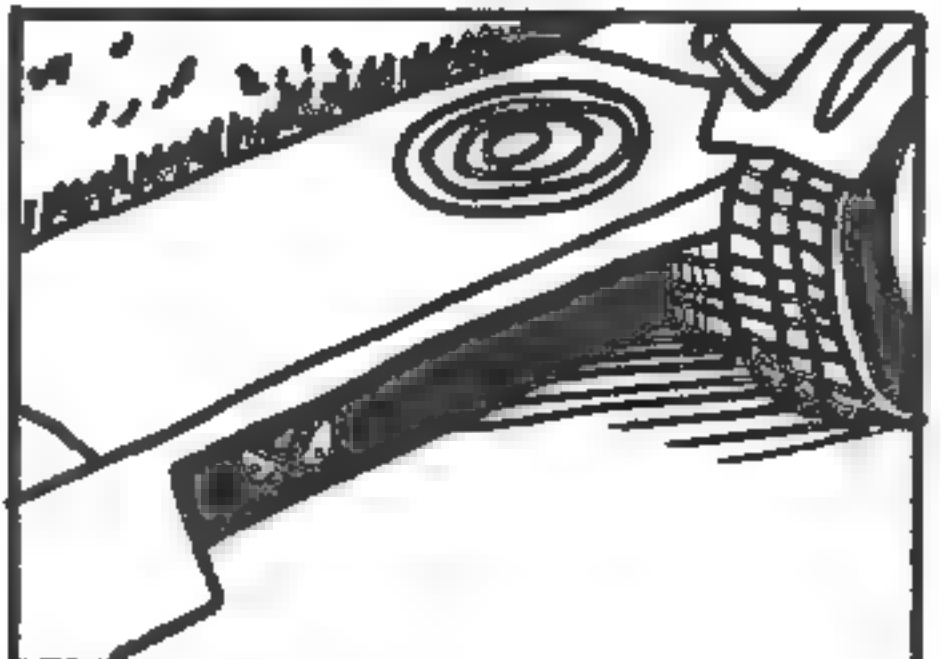
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GRASSY KNOLL



THE STORM SEWER



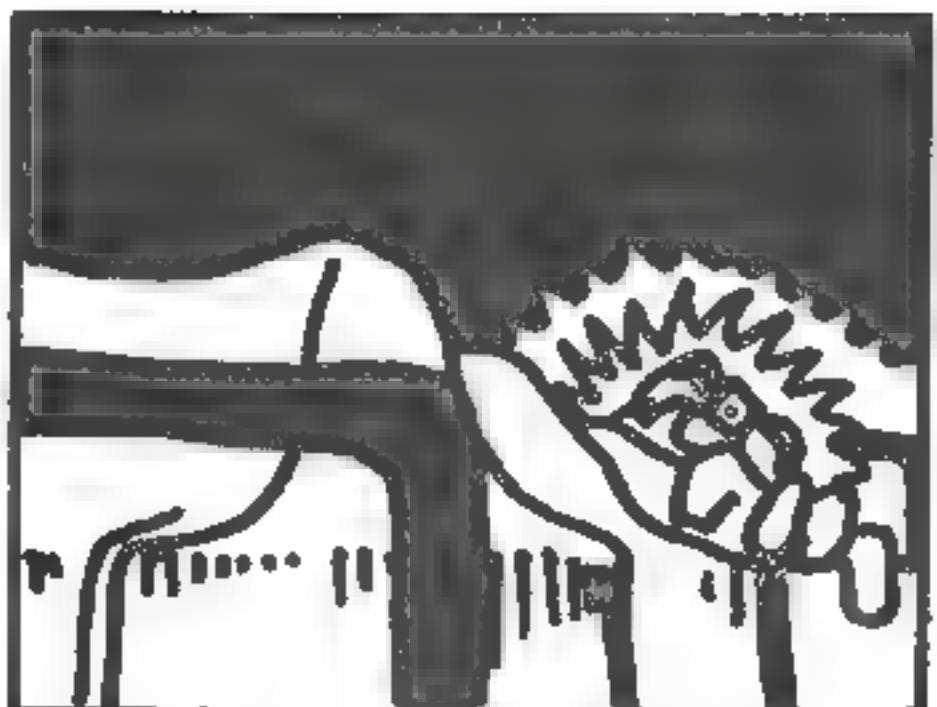
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THE PATSY



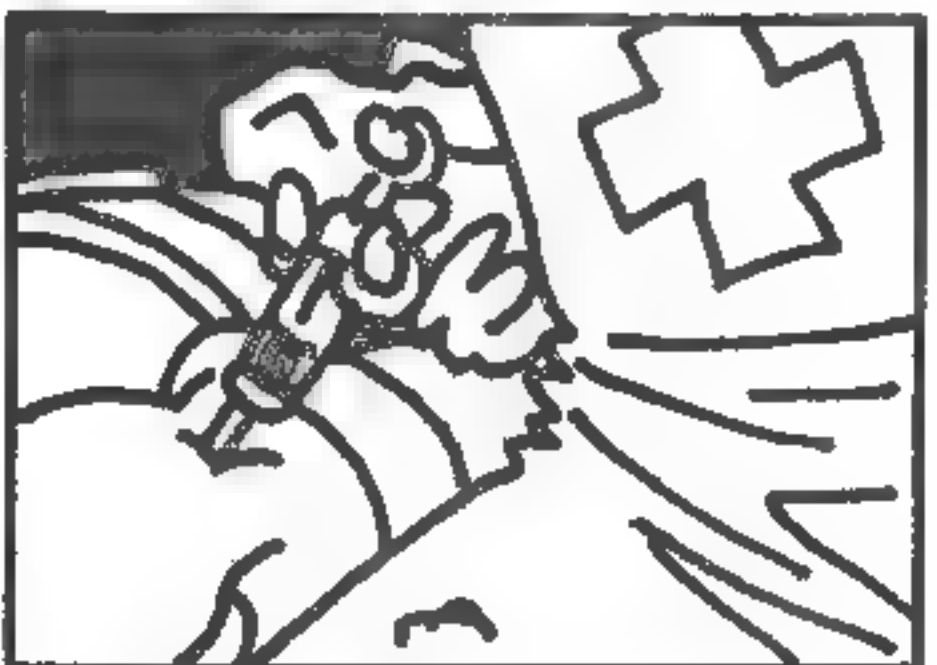
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THE KILLER DIES



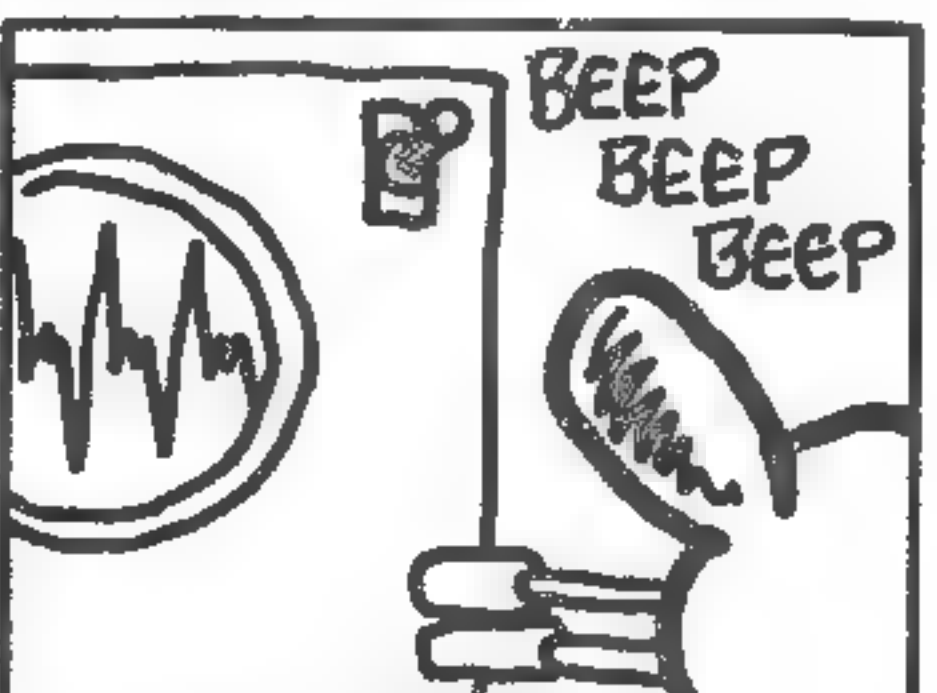
WITNESSES DIE



SOURCES PASSAWAY



THE COVER UP



SECRET CARE

CULT HERO DEPT. THERE'S A CARTOON CANINE WE HAVE  
ALL GROWN TO LOVE! A CHARACTER DOOMED TO DIE!!  
THIS, THEN, COULD ONLY BE THE STORY OF...

# MORTY

IN

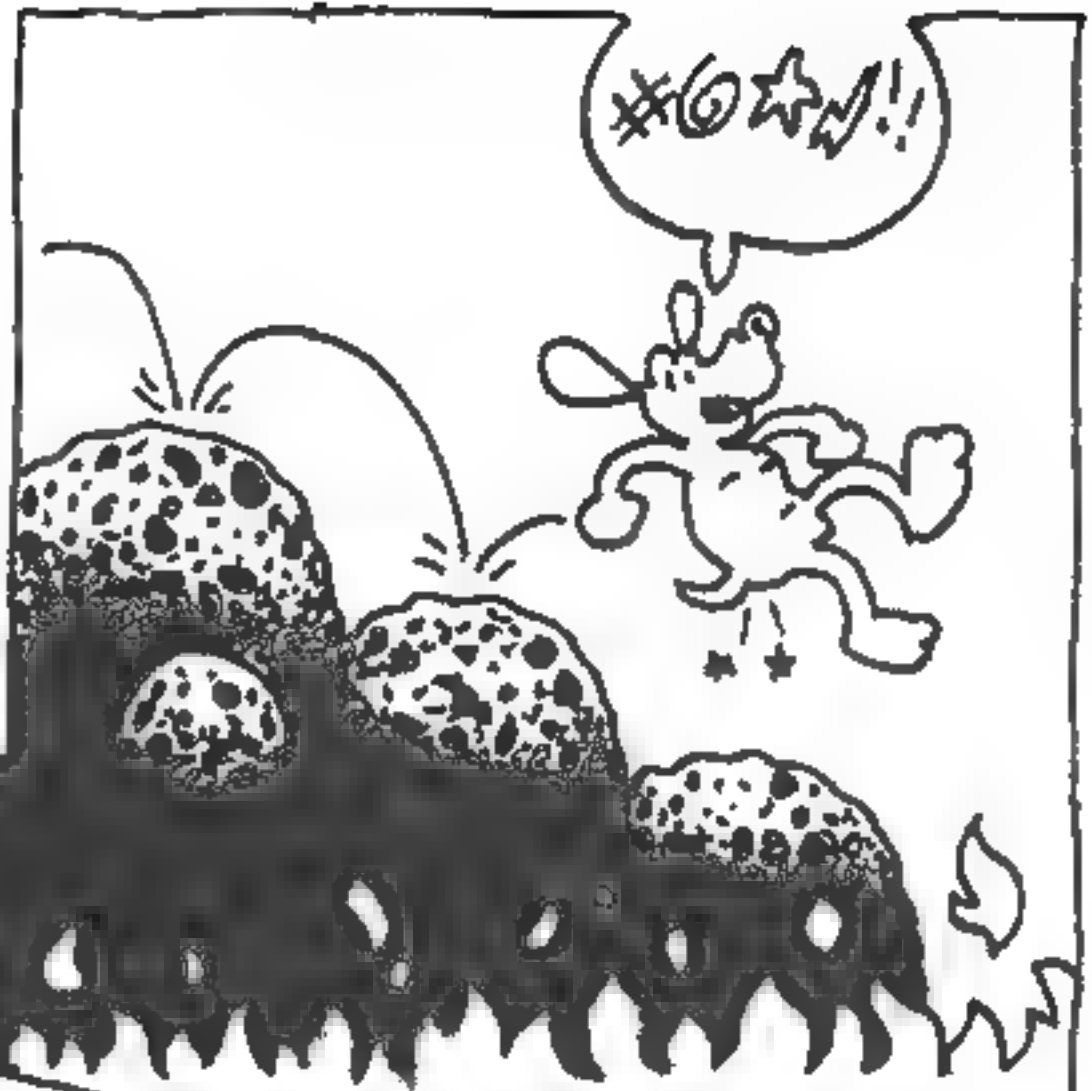
MURDER



LOVE YA, STEVE! APOLOGIES TO MATT G.

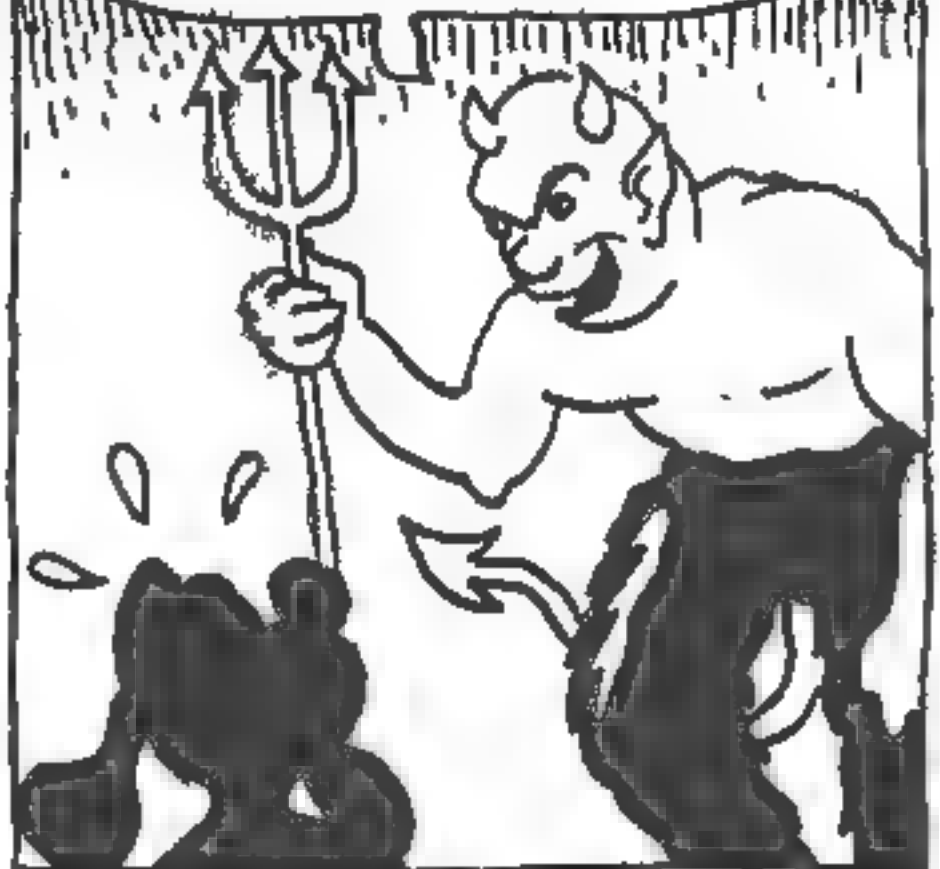


LIKE A BAD TOOTH,  
MORTY HAS BEEN  
YANKED FROM LIFE  
AND CAST DOWN  
INTO THE BOWELS  
OF HELL! HE WAKENS  
FROM DEATH, BOUNCING  
DOWN THE BRIM-  
STONE !!



I CAN'T BELIEVE  
IT - THIS REALLY  
IS HELL! HOW CAN  
A COMIC CHARACTER  
WIND UP HERE!?

WE'VE BEEN WAITING  
FOR YOU, MORTY! SURE,  
THERE'S A PLACE FOR  
YOU HERE...



"...IN FACT, I'VE GOT A ROOMMATE  
ALL PICKED OUT FOR YOU!!"

HIYA, MORTY!  
I ALWAYS KNEW  
YOU'D WIND UP  
DOWN HERE TOO!!  
HEH! HEH!

FRITZ  
DA  
CAT!

**GASP!**

AND THE FUNNY THING  
IS ... IT NEVER ENDS!

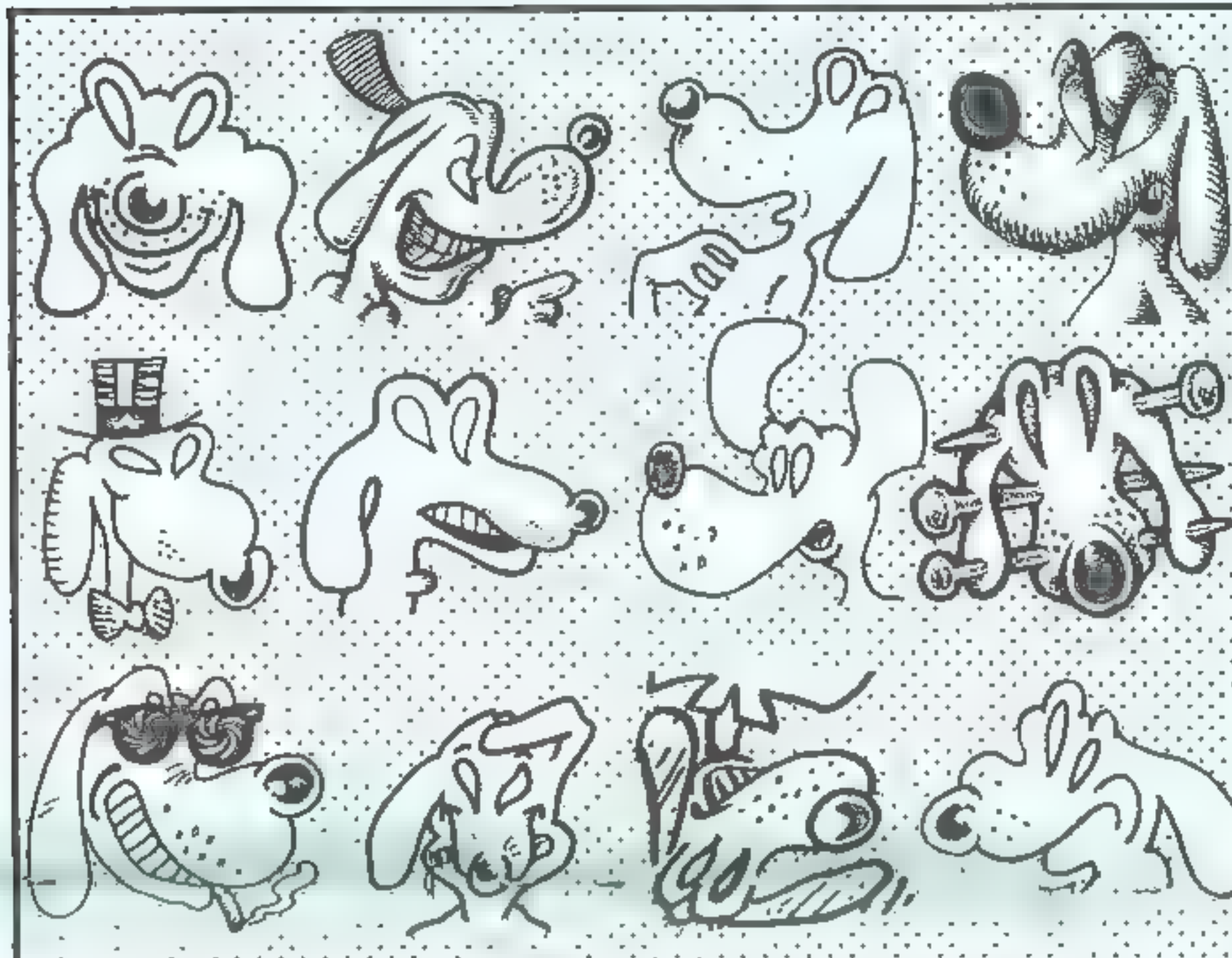








# MORTY DOG - AMERICANINE



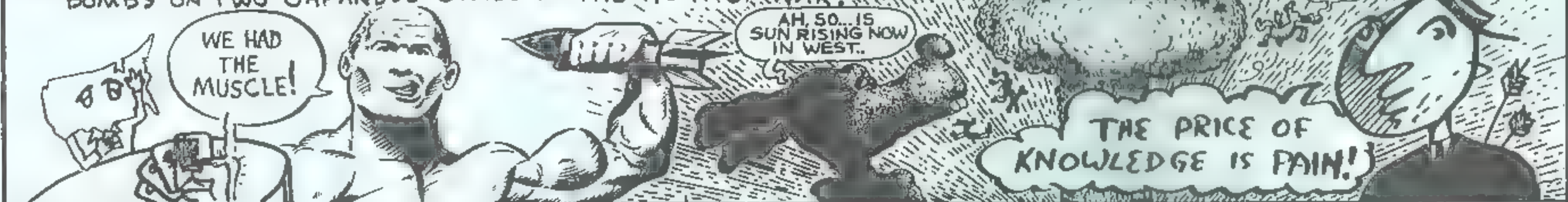
AMERICA IS WHERE YOU CAN SCRATCH WHERE IT ITCHES.



AMERICA IS A PLACE WHERE THE VOTERS HAVE A KNACK FOR ELECTING IDIOTS TO PUBLIC OFFICE.



AMERICA CUT CARDS WITH THE DEVIL WHEN IT GAINED WORLD POWER IN 1945 BY DROPPING ATOMIC BOMBS ON TWO JAPANESE CITIES IN THE HEAT OF WAR.



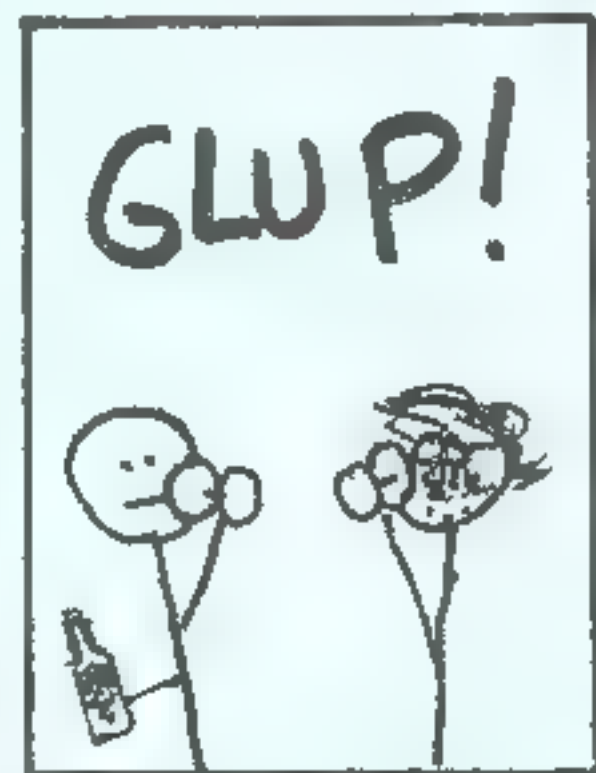
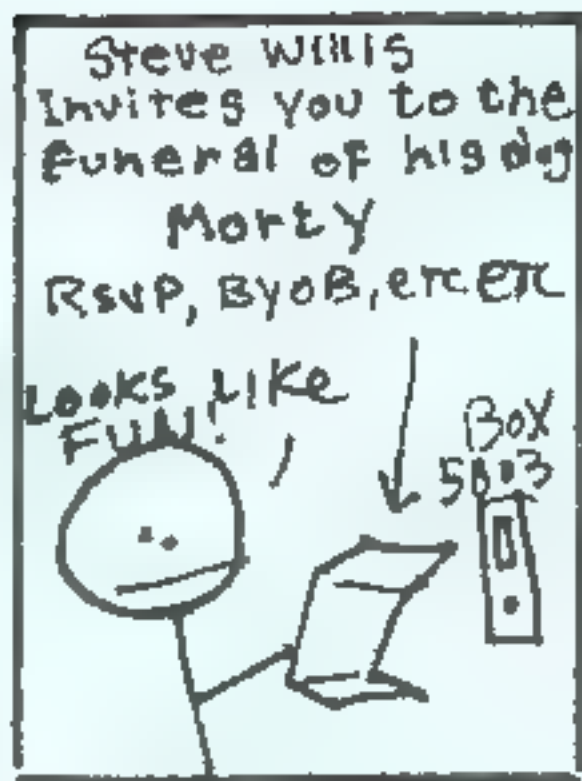
ONCE WE THINK OF OURSELVES AS HYPHENATED AMERICANS, WE TAKE A FORM OF THE SAME ELITISM WE SOUGHT TO OVERTHROW IN 1776. WE, AMERICANS, ARE INTERNATIONAL MUTTS. MORTY DOGS ALL.



A JAM BY: SW • DT • HH • BWMF • EV • RB • WH • MH • BU • AF • JG • ELB • J.R.

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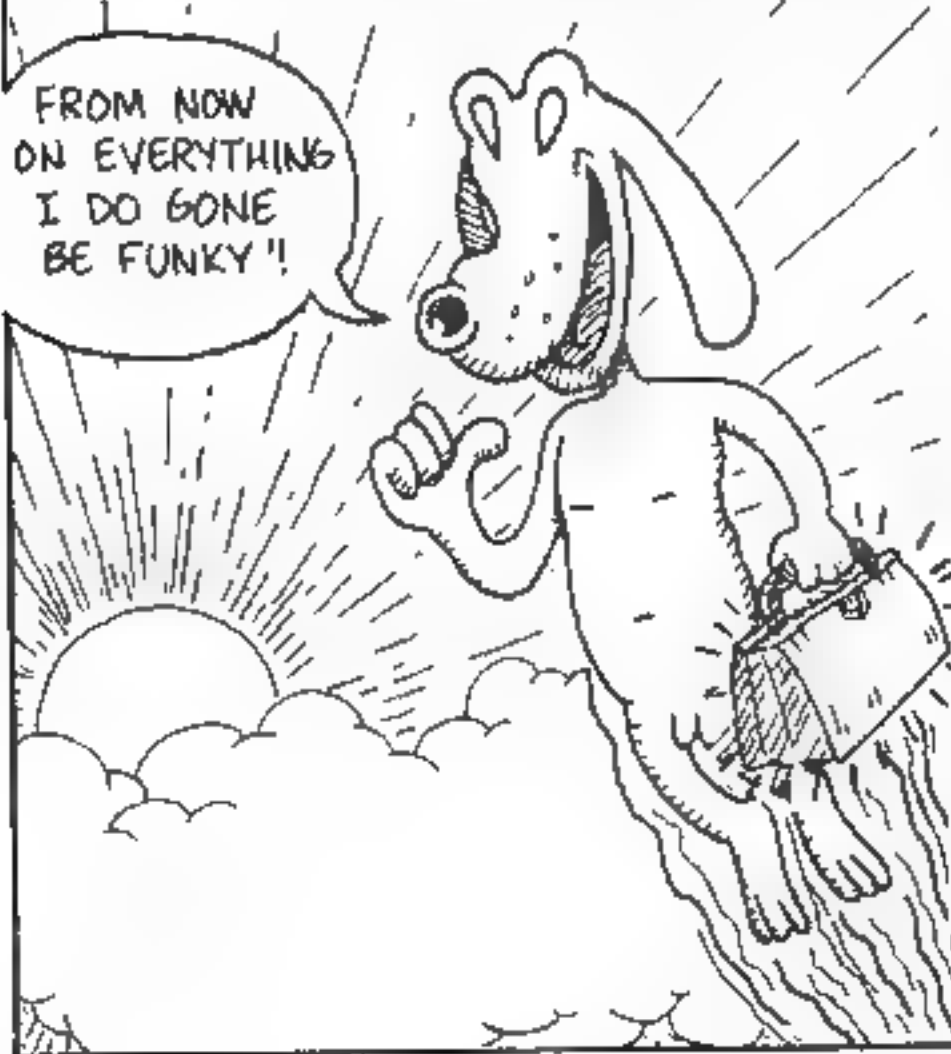






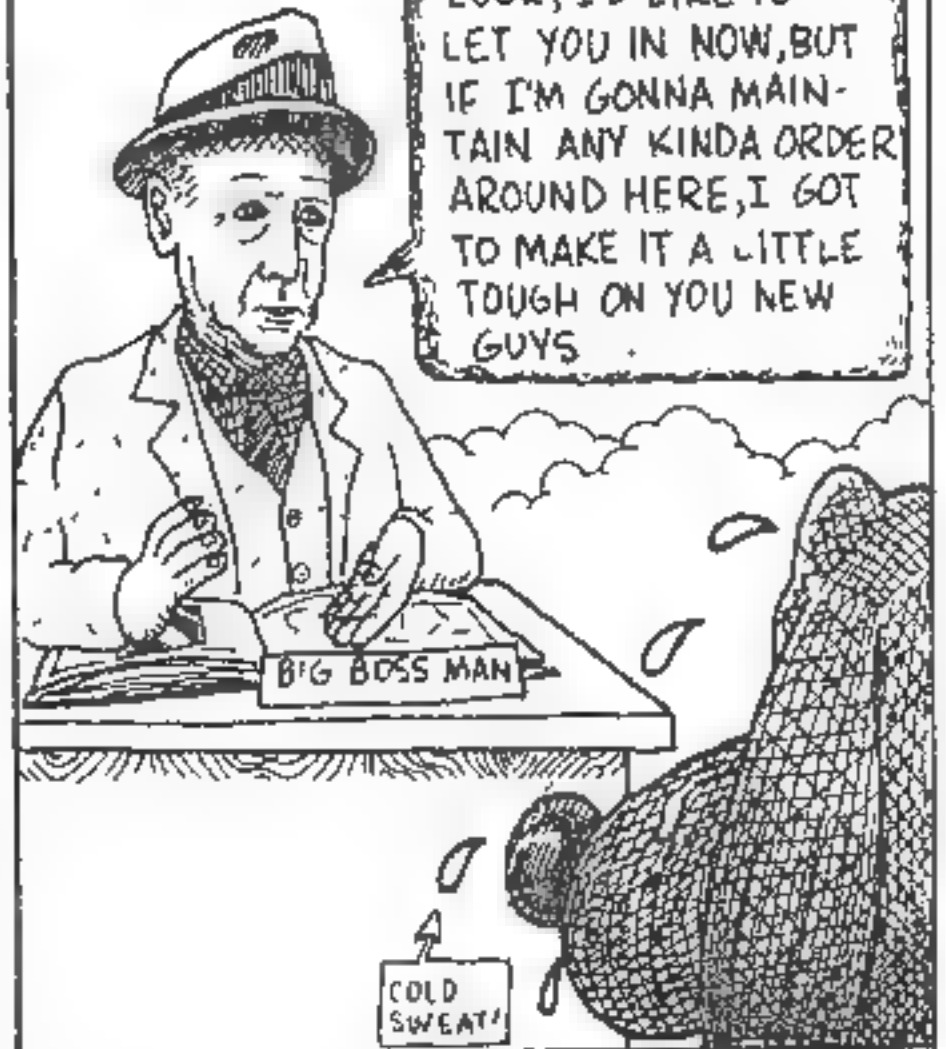
**PROLOGUE:** AFTER VACATING HIS "MORT-AL" REMAINS, MORTY THE DOG'S SOUL FLOATED HEAVENWARD ..

FROM NOW ON EVERYTHING I DO GONE BE FUNKY!!



THERE WERE COMPLICATIONS

LOOK, I'D LIKE TO LET YOU IN NOW, BUT IF I'M GONNA MAINTAIN ANY KINDA ORDER AROUND HERE, I GOT TO MAKE IT A LITTLE TOUGH ON YOU NEW GUYS



HEY, DON'T WORRY! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELL OR ANYTHING! I THINK I'LL JUST HAVE YOU SORTA HAUNT SOMEBODY FOR A WHILE SOMEBODY IN LET'S SEE. PLOTZBURG!



THE FIRST PLOTZBURGER WHO SPEAKETH THE NAME "MORTY" SHALL BE POSSESSED BY THIS PJP!

OOOH MY SOUL!!

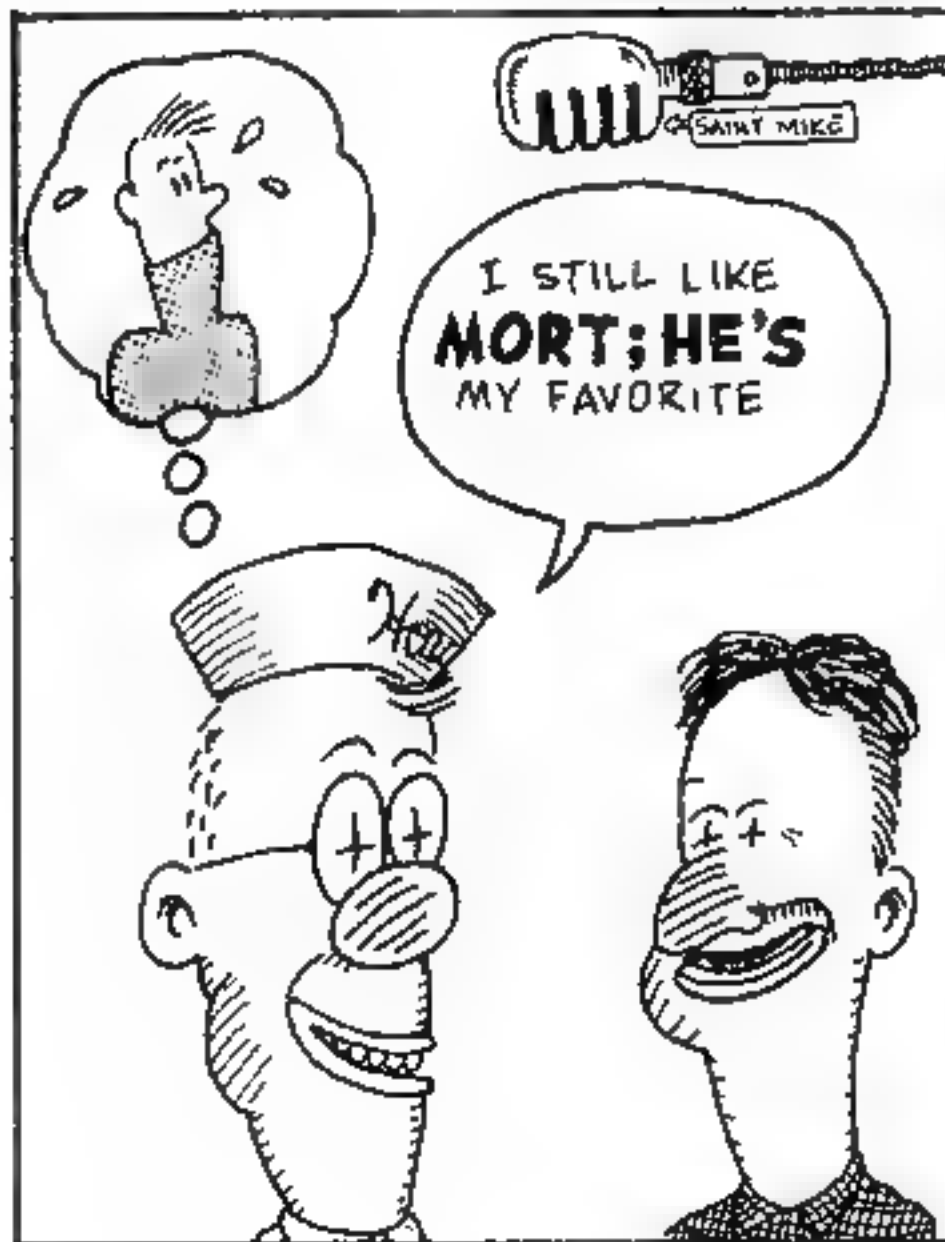
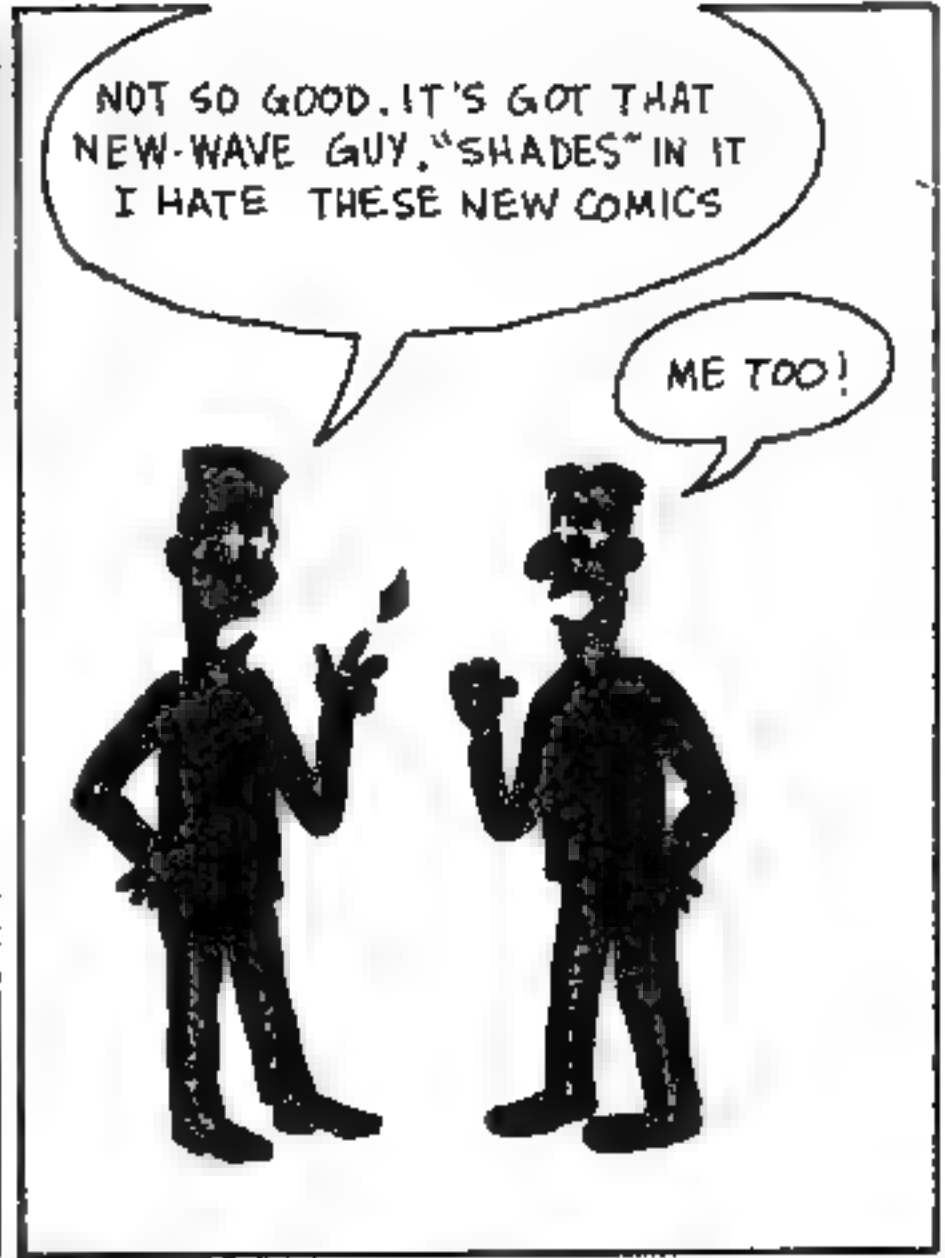


...SO BEGINS THE WEIRD STORY WE CALL...

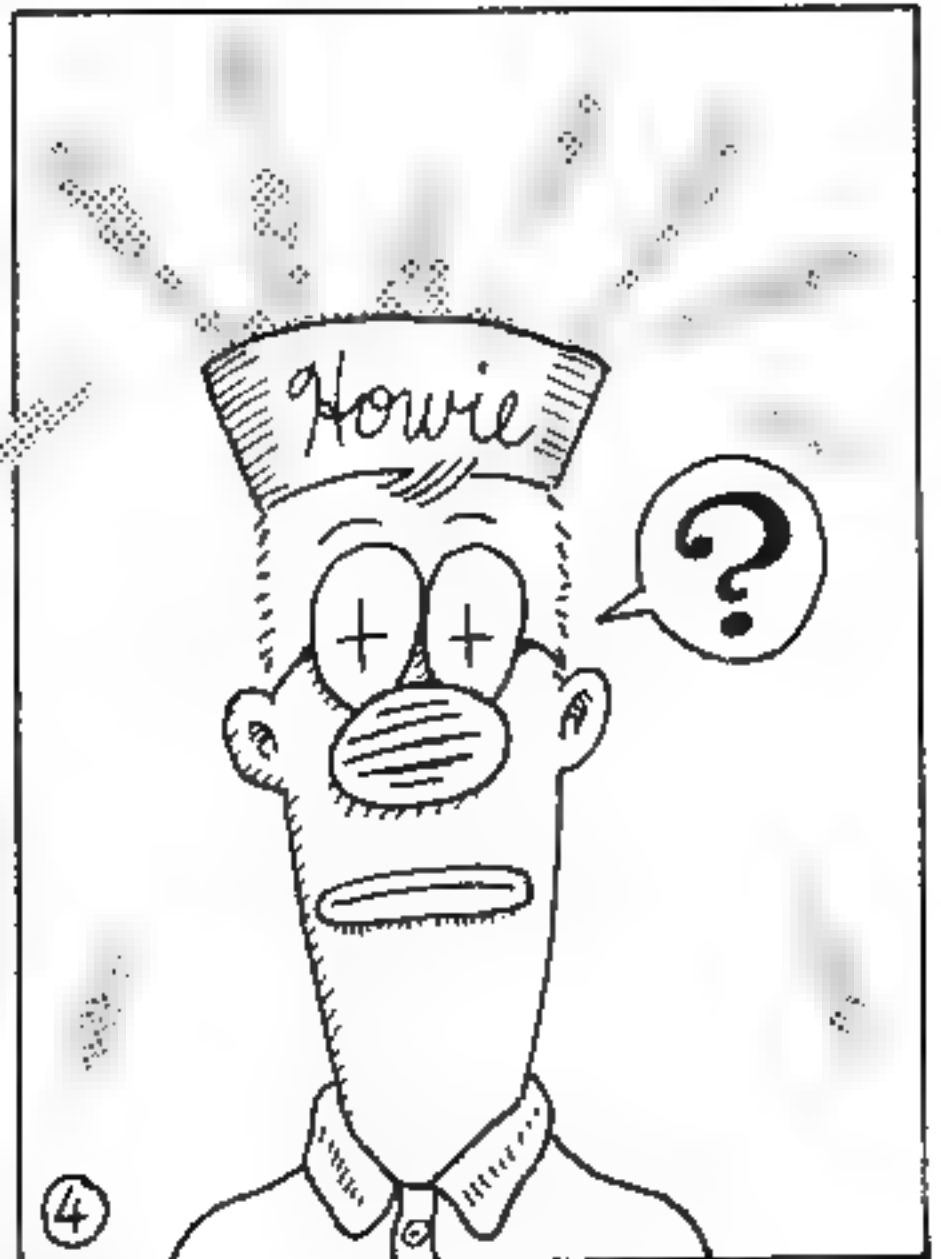
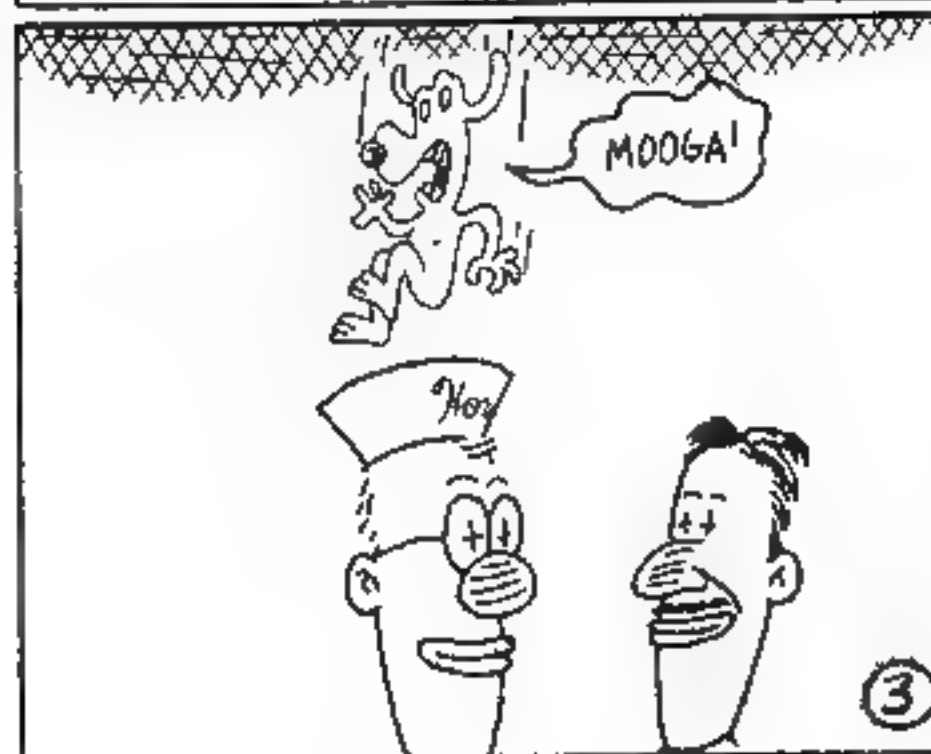
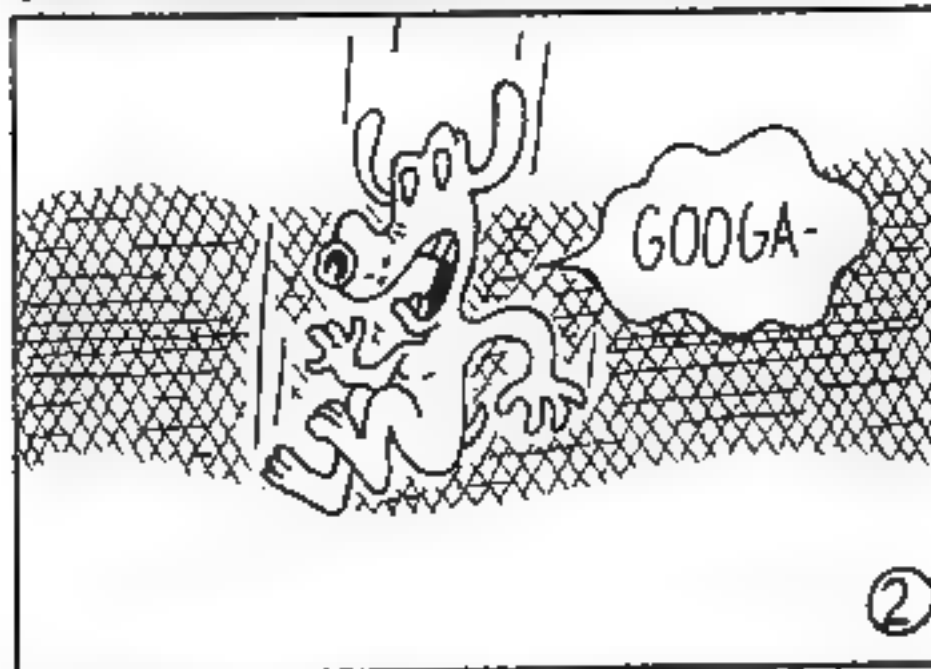
# THE DOG IN 'the HAT'

IT'S SATURDAY, AND THE PATTERSON BROS ARE ENJOYING A "SMOKELESS CHEW" ..









WHENEVER ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY FINDS ITS WAY INTO HOWIE'S MIND, ALL OF HIS MEMORIES, EXPERIENCES, OPINIONS AND PERSONALITY TRAITS RETREAT TO THE CLOSETS... CONSEQUENTLY, MORTY ENJOYS A QUIET, EMPTY SPACE....



WITH HIS CRANIUM EMPTY BUT FOR MORTY, HOWIE SUDDENLY ASSUMES CANINE CHARACTERISTICS.



BY MID-AFTERNOON, PETE DECIDES THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE HOWIE STARTS TO RUIN THE UPHOLSTERY



PETE TAKES ACTION

I TELL YA UNCLE  
BUCK, IT'S HORRIBLE  
HE DOESN'T EVEN  
RESPOND TO CHEEZ  
WHIZ !!!

GRRRRRRRRR



BUCK ARRIVES SHORTLY WITH A  
SMALL PILL BOTTLE FROM H.S  
ARMY SURPLUS STORE

THEY TELL  
ME THE CIA  
USED THIS  
BACK IN THE '60'S  
WHEN THEY NEEDED  
TO BLOW OUT SOME  
BODY'S MIND

YOU MEAN  
LIKE LIQUID  
PLUMBER?

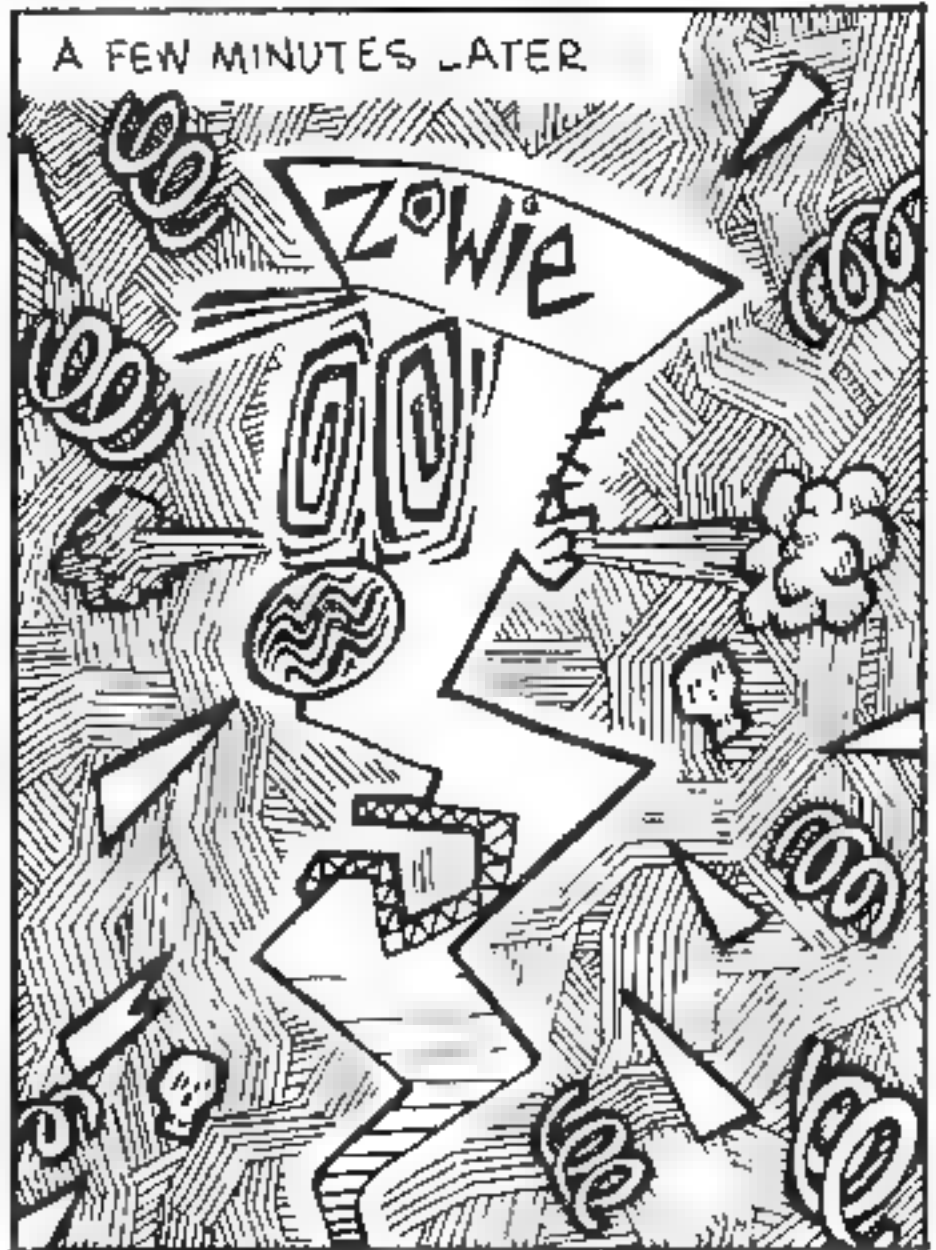
YEAH,  
LIKE  
THAT!



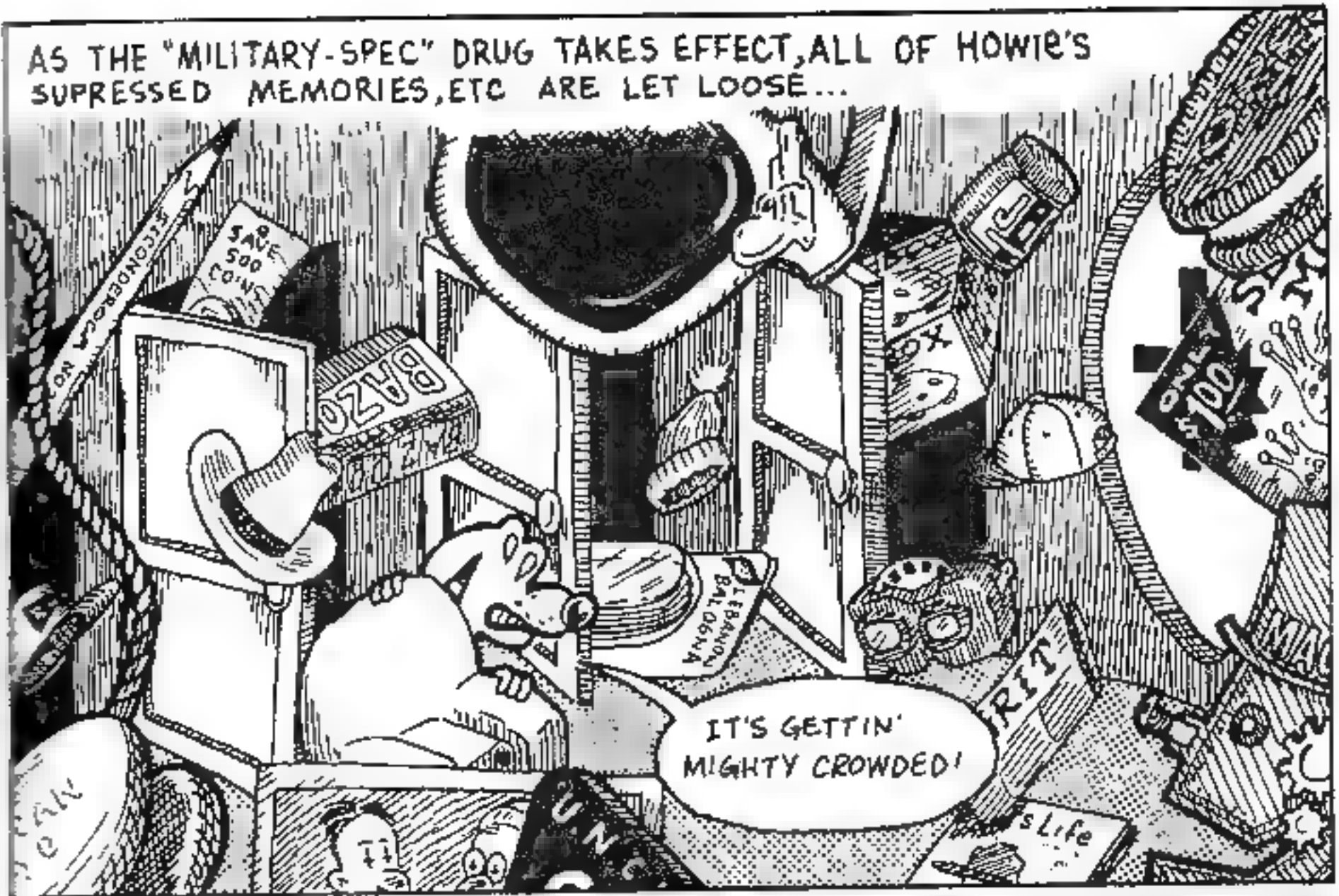
I COATED THIS  
WITH GAINES-BURGER  
SO HE'LL SWALLOW IT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER



AS THE "MILITARY-SPEC" DRUG TAKES EFFECT, ALL OF HOWIE'S SUPPRESSED MEMORIES, ETC ARE LET LOOSE...



## HOWIE REACHES CRITICAL MASS

**RUMBLE**  
**RUMBLE**

GASPI

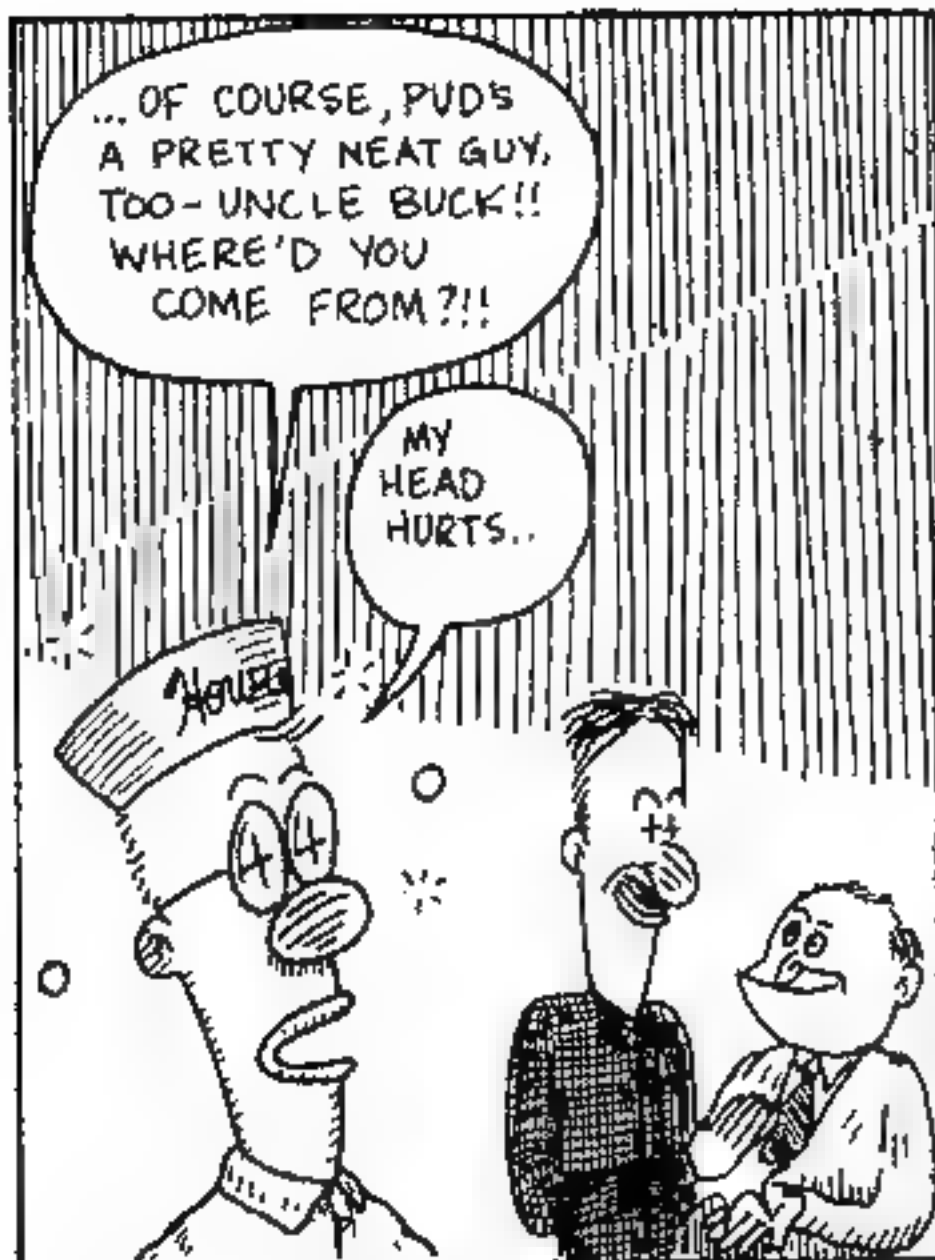
SOMETHINGS  
GONNA  
HAPPEN!!!

OPEN  
THE  
DOOR,  
RICHARD!

WELL,  
I'LL  
BE!

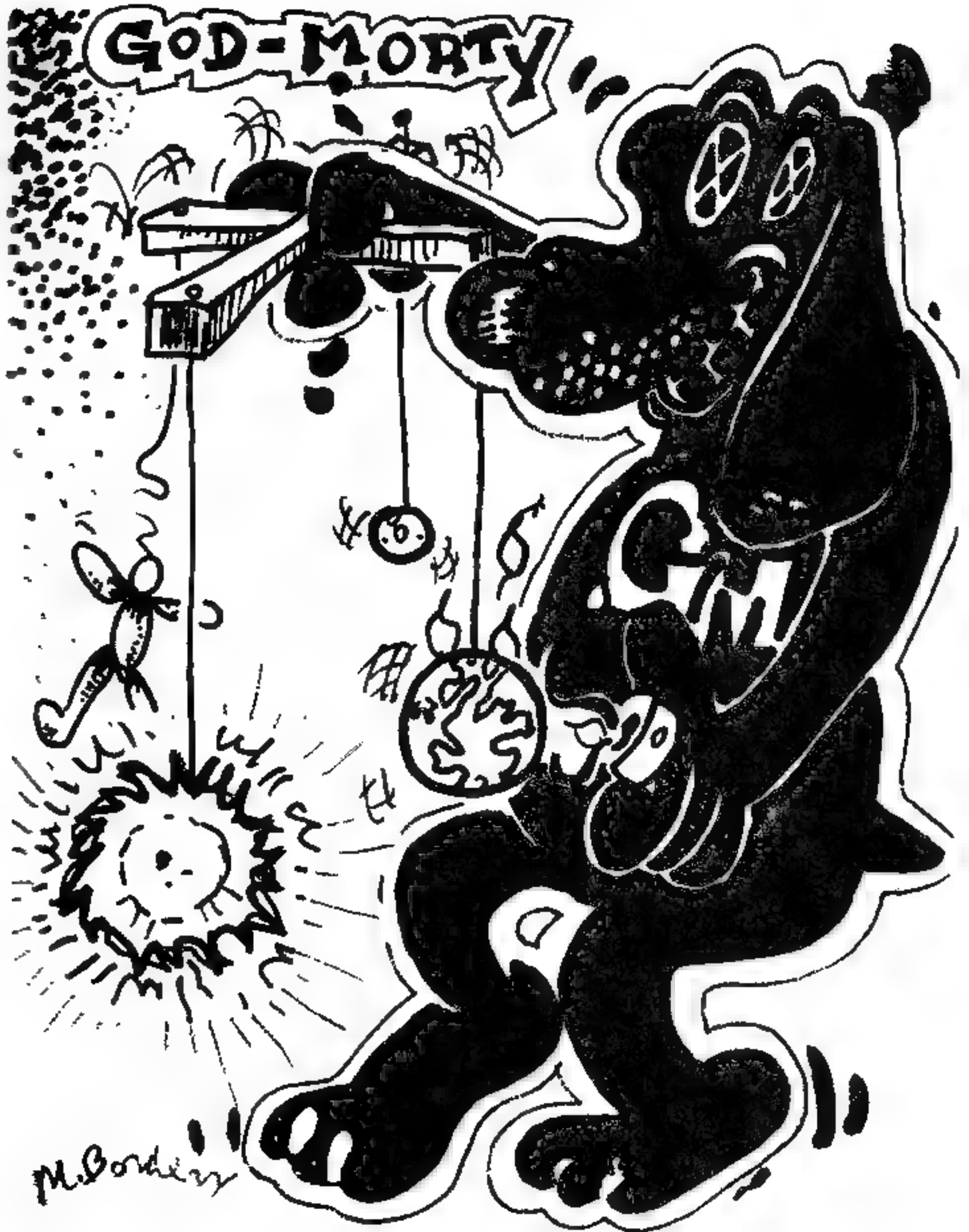
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LATER, OVER DRINKS AND A GAME OF "WILLIAM TELL", THE DOG AND THE DEITY SHARE A CHUCKLE .





# LOOKING FOR MORTY

WITH  
**JO-JO**  
THE DOG-FACED BOY

REMEMBER MORTY?  
HELL, HE RUINED MY  
LIFE! MORTY AND HIS  
PALS CAUSED ME TO  
WIND UP IN JAIL!  
I WAS FRAMED FOR  
THE MURDER OF  
JASPAR TILFERD, HEIR  
TO THE TILFERD BROS.  
FIVE-RING CIRCUS...



...I WAS RELEASED ON A  
TECHNICALITY, AND MY  
SEARCH WAS ON!

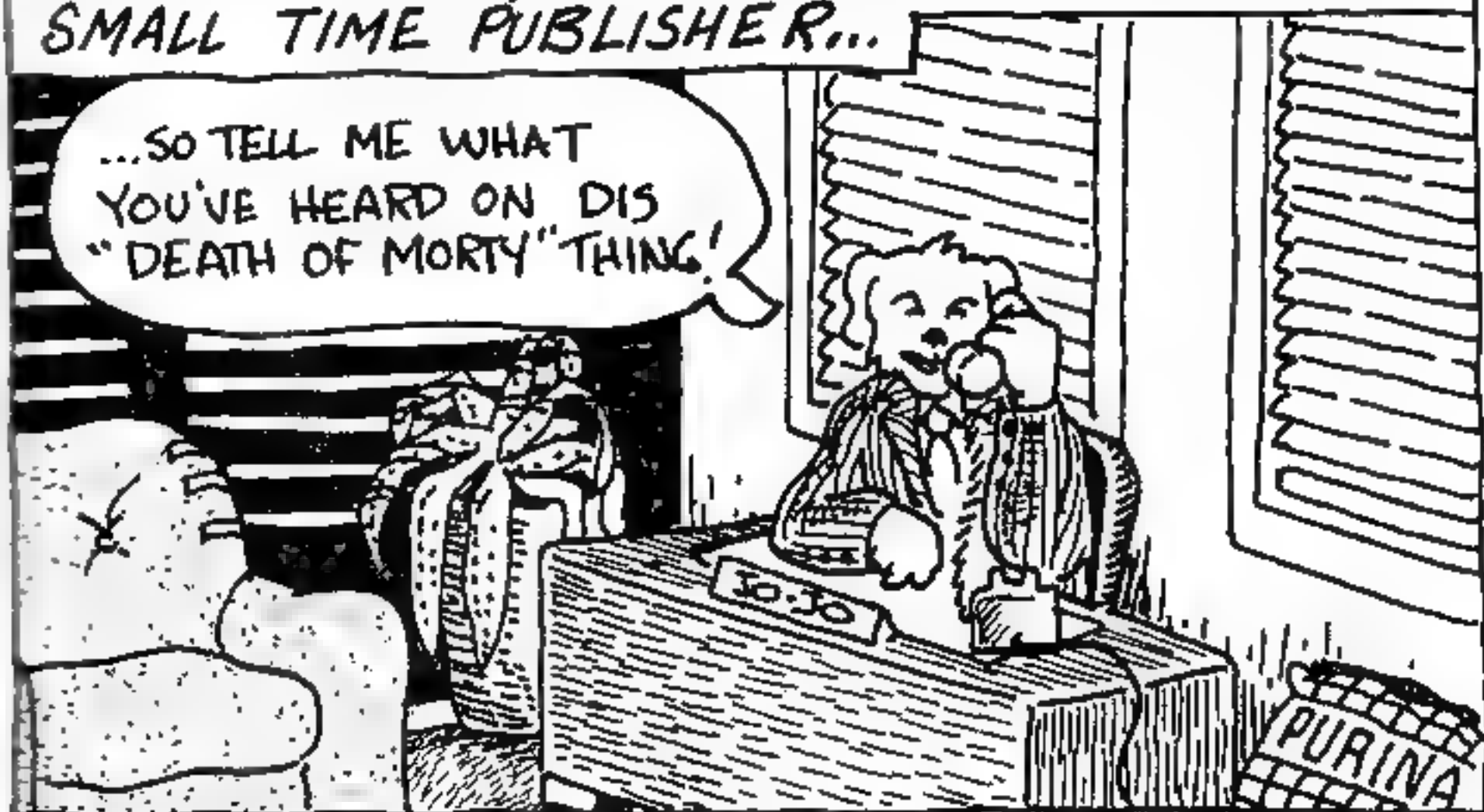


NOBODY WAS TALKIN'! THEN  
I NOTICED THE ARTICLE...



SUDDENLY, I HAD A HUNCH. I PUT IN A CALL TO BUD SMITH, AN OBSCURE COMIX FAN AND SMALL TIME PUBLISHER...

...SO TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE HEARD ON DIS "DEATH OF MORTY" THING!



THE WAY I HEARD, THERE'S GONNA BE A BUNCH OF MORTY COMIC BOOKS OUT!



EVEN ONE CALLED "HEIR OF THE DOG", ABOUT.

YEAH, WELL THANKS, PAL!

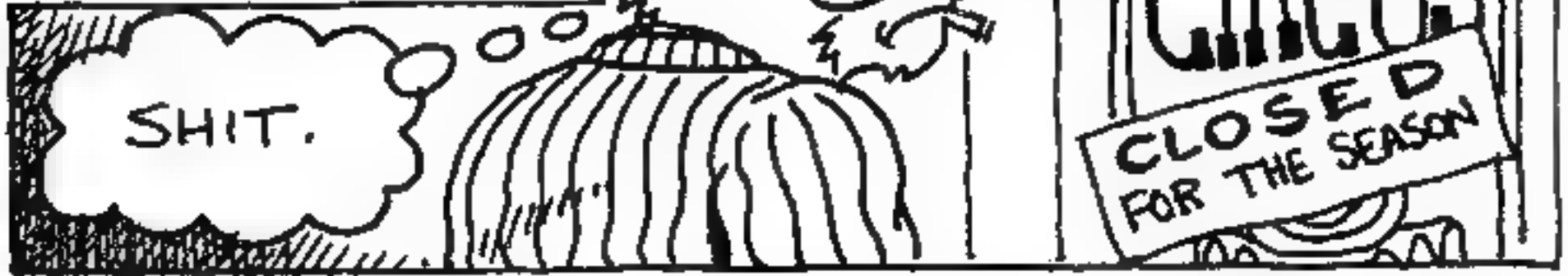


IT WAS THE OL' "KILL OFF THE CHARACTER TO BOOST SALES" GIMMICK! AND I SUSPECTED MORTY HIMSELF TO BE BEHIND IT! I NEXT BEGAN TO LOOK FOR MORTY'S OLD CRONY, PIN-HEAD PETE, TH' CIRCUS CLOWN!

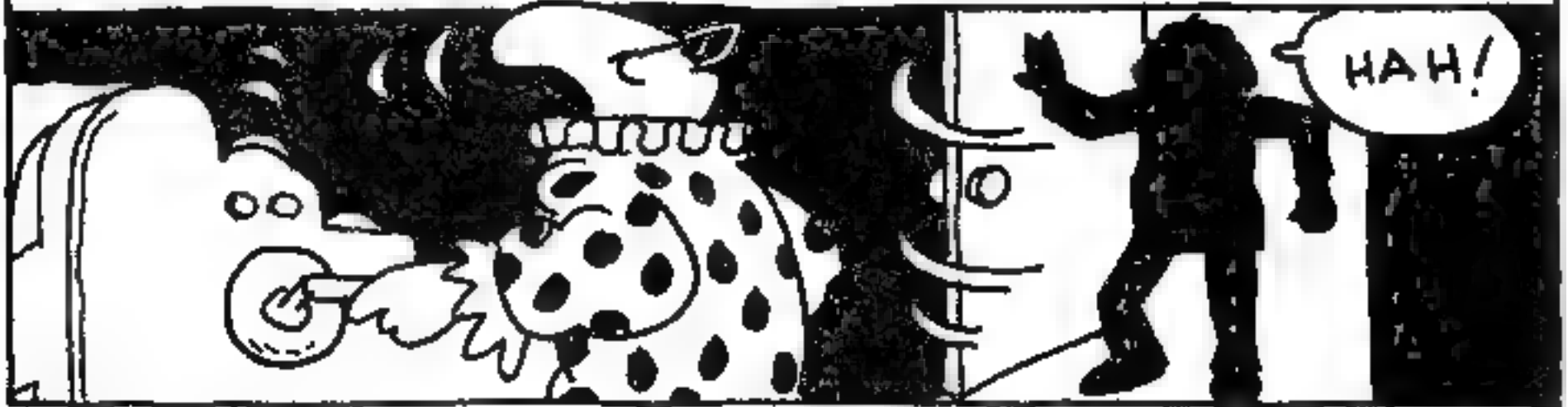
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IT LOOKED LIKE  
TRACKING PETE  
DOWN MIGHT  
BE TOUGH, TOO!



AFTER A FEW MORE PHONE CALLS, I FOUND HIM  
IN A DINGY CELLAR - WITH A PRINTING PRESS!



SHOTS RANG OUT!



MY SUSPICIONS WERE  
CORRECT - "MORTY" COMIX!



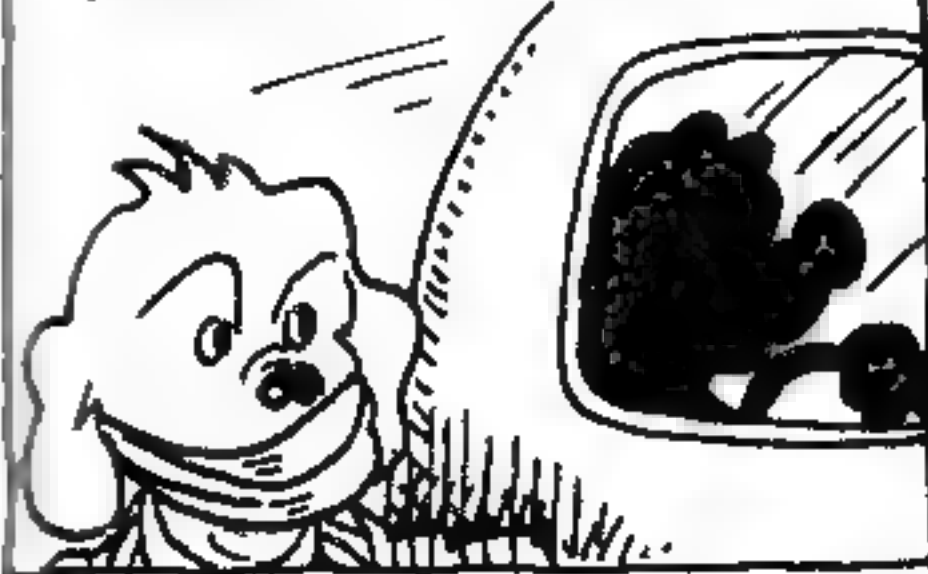
THEN EVERYTHING  
WENT BLACK!



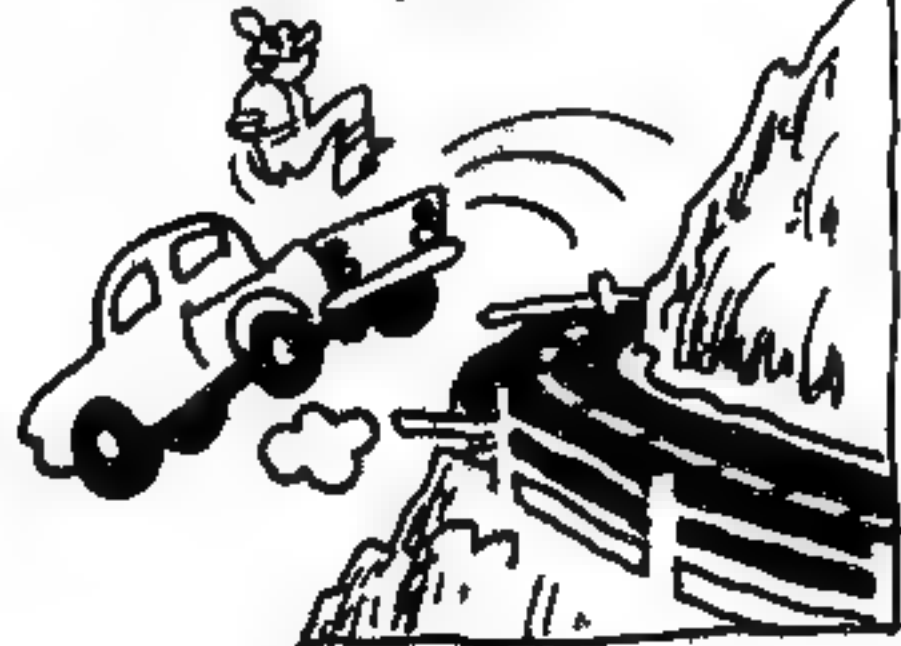
I AWOKE IN THE BACK  
OF A MOVING TRUCK...



...I TURNED TO SEE  
WHO WAS DRIVING...



...WHEN WE WENT OVER  
A CLIFF! YOW!!



SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO FLIP  
MYSELF BACK ONTO THE ROAD-



WELL, I'M  
OUT OF TH' HOSPITAL,  
AND I'M GONNA FIND  
YA, MORTY - I MEAN IT!



- JUST IN TIME FOR A BIG DIESEL!

END!  
© '87  
D. TOSH

REMEMBER US-IF AT  
ALL-NOT AS VIOLENT  
SOULS, BUT ONLY AS  
THE HOLLOW MORTYS,  
THE STUFFED  
MORTYS,

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THE MORTYS  
STEVE DIDN'T DRAW.

WCPope PRESENTS:

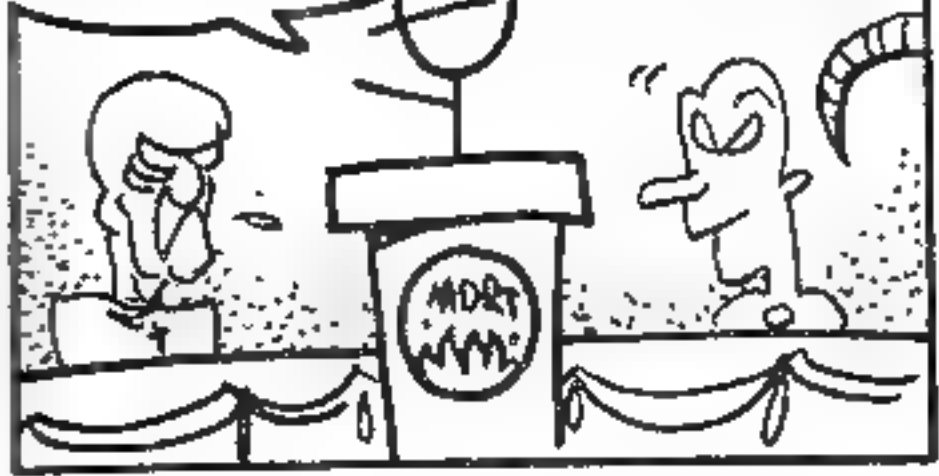


# MORTY THE POOCH:

WE LUFF YOU...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT RENDITION OF "GOD BLESS AMERICA" IN PIG LATIN

AND NOW I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE ROYAL POOCH HIMSELF.



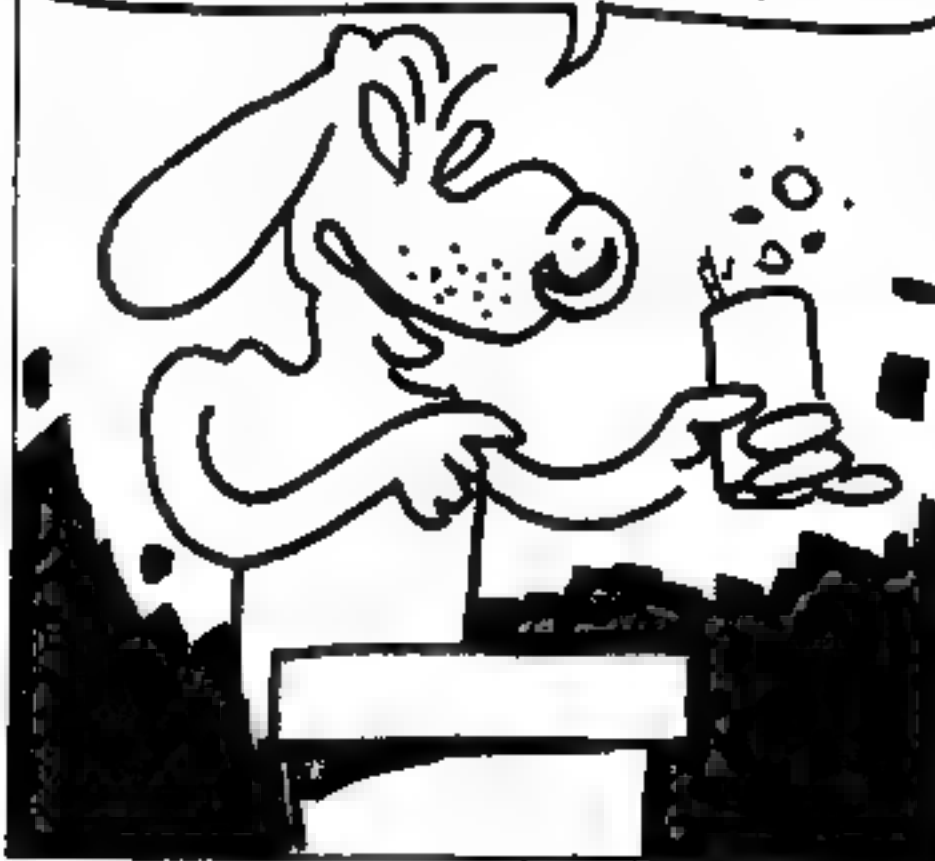
OK, SIT THE HELL DOWN... THANK TA ALL U'GUYS FOR ROASTIN ME...

IT'S A TREAT TO HAVE MY HEAD PUT ON THE CHOPPIN BLOCK... YOU'RE ALL PALS & I'LL GET YOU BACK FOR THIS...





NOW I SHALL POP OPEN THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
CEREMONIAL "BREWSKI" & LIFT  
IT HIGH... CHANTING: "SHALLA-  
SHALLA WALLA-WALLA BING BANG!"



AND THEN TIP  
THE ALUMINUM  
VESSEL TO  
MY LIPS...



AND AS THE CROWD GULPS OF  
THE HOLY DRINK...

A FLASH OF LIGHT.

**KA-  
WAP**

CLAP OF THUNDER

WATCHES STOP...

AND THE EARTH TREMBLES...

②

SOM'S A BITCH... WHERE D'HEAL  
DID YOU  
COME  
FROM??



I'M FROM OUT OF TIME... I JUST LEFT AN ELVIS PRESLEY CONCERT. BOY HE CERTAINLY DID GAIN A LOT OF WEIGHT...

WOW! I KNOW YOU... YOU'RE THE PROPHET OF THE "BIG ROULETTE WHEEL OF LIFE"...



YEAH... RIGHT NOW GET THE HELL OFF ME... U' ASS...

ANYWAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY OR WHAT EVER...

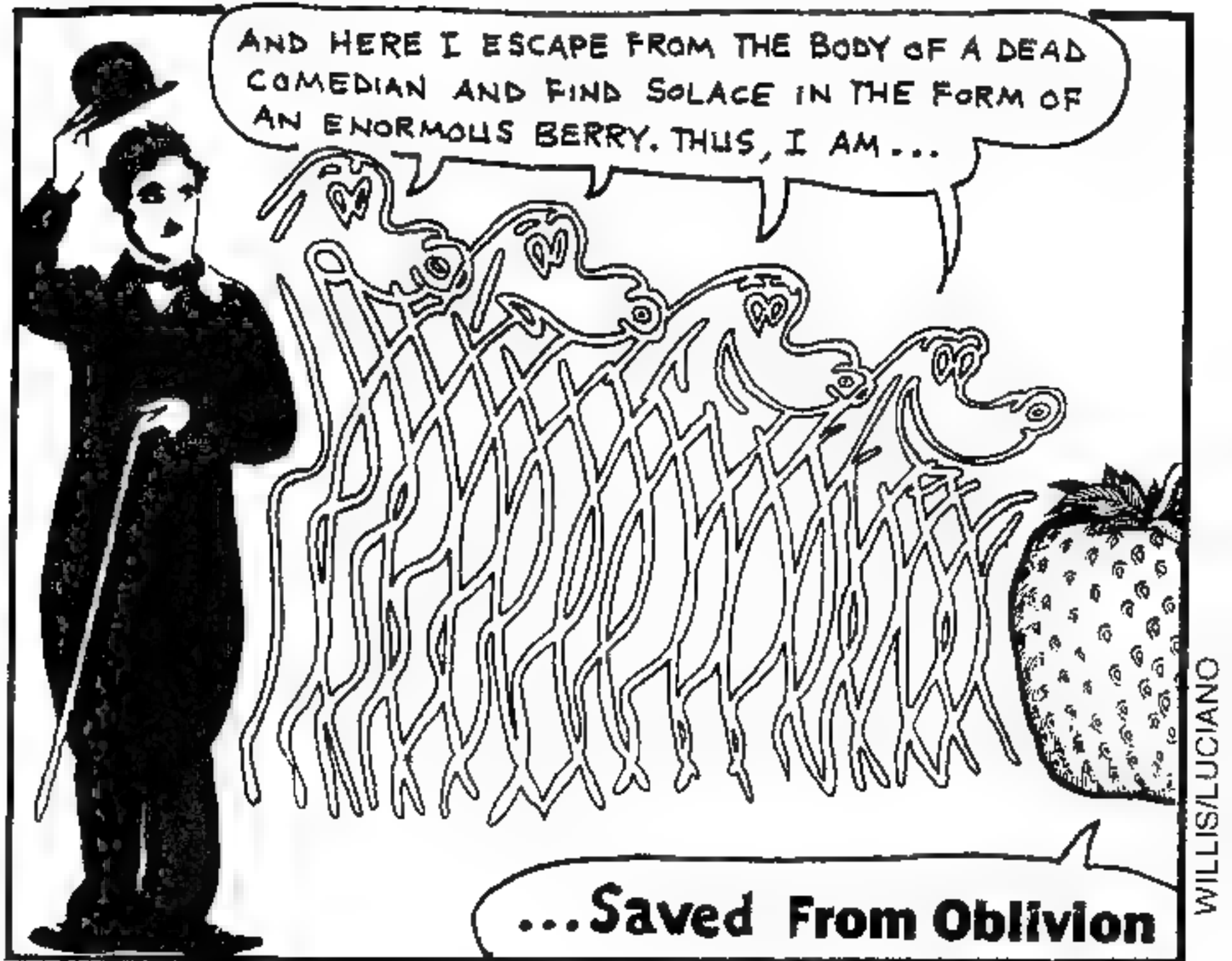
I POPPED OUT OF TIME TO GIVE YOU THIS BONE I FOUND A FEW MILLION YEARS AGO...



WELL, IT'S BETTER THEN THEM DAMN "FLEAS" HAL GAVE ME...



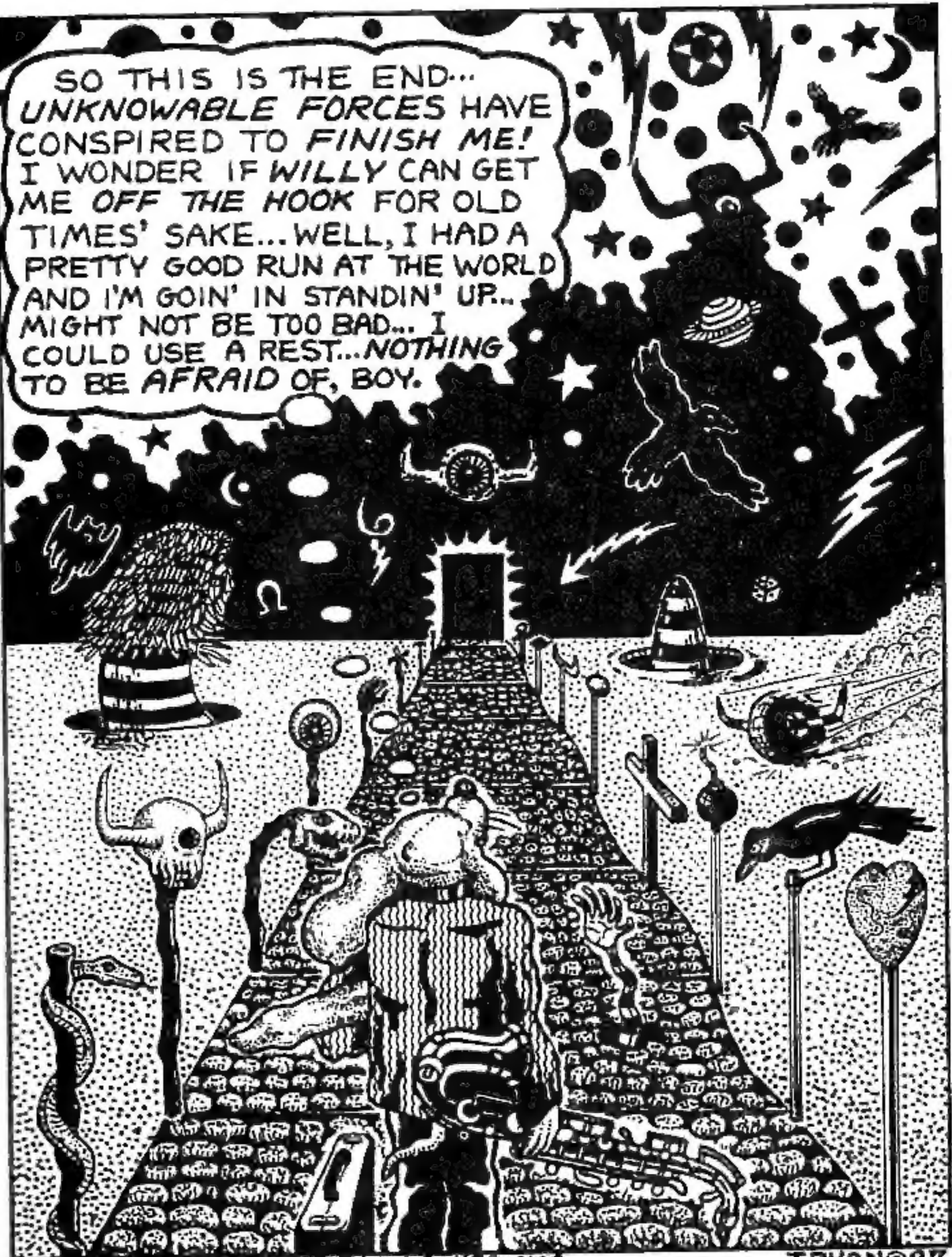
# TRANSMUTATION



Rumors of Morty's death have been rampant for some time.



SO THIS IS THE END...  
UNKNOWABLE FORCES HAVE  
CONSPIRED TO FINISH ME!  
I WONDER IF WILLY CAN GET  
ME OFF THE HOOK FOR OLD  
TIMES' SAKE... WELL, I HAD A  
PRETTY GOOD RUN AT THE WORLD  
AND I'M GOIN' IN STANDIN' UP...  
MIGHT NOT BE TOO BAD... I  
COULD USE A REST... NOTHING  
TO BE AFRAID OF, BOY.



MAKE HUE AMONG THE DARK COMEDIANS...

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# HEY!!! KIDS

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.... BUT SUDDENLY!

**ZAR  
BAW**

**ARGH!!!!!!!**

**SQUISH!**

**THE END!**



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# TATTOO of THE MONTH



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